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Pumpkin' Chunkin



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Volunteers at Wellington Farm, USA, wowed visitors by hurling pumpkins through the air with a trebuchet during the annual Pumpkin' Chunkin event. Left, Alec Gardiner, 4 of Grayling, takes a turn pulling the trebuchet lever as Wellington Farm, USA founder Howard Taylor prepares to pull him out of the way. Below, Taylor and farm park volunteer Zak Timmons observe the trebuchet as it recoils after tossing a pumpkin.



County protests foster care rules

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners renewed a contract with the local Department of Human Services (DHS) agency last week to supervise foster care placements.

The board approved the \$38,356 contract, which pays for case workers Ann Church and Debra Smith to supervise abuse and neglect cases and out of home placements made by the 46th Circuit Trial Court.

The county first entered into the contract in February 2006, after state DHS officials eliminated the funding for the position due to a state law which requires counties who have case workers with over 20 children to refer those children to privately run foster care agencies.

Although privately run agencies provide the same level of care as foster care homes supervised by the county, the agencies add administrative fees to the per diems they receive to supervise the children. Paying the administrative fees could cost the county thousands of dollars out of its child care fund, money allocated by counties to place abused and neglected children in supervised homes. The county receives some reimbursement
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Sheriff's Office honored for STOPPED program

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office has been recognized for putting the stop to risky teen driving.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield received an award from Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land for involvement in the Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers (STOPPED) program.

Initiated by the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the STOPPED program allows parents of children under 21 to register vehicles driven by teens with the organization.

A decal with a registration number is then provided to the parents, which is attached to the windshield of the vehicle.

If the teen is stopped by police, officers can fill out a notification card which tells the time and location of the stop, the driver's name, the number of passengers in the vehicle, the reason for the stop and whether any citations were issued.

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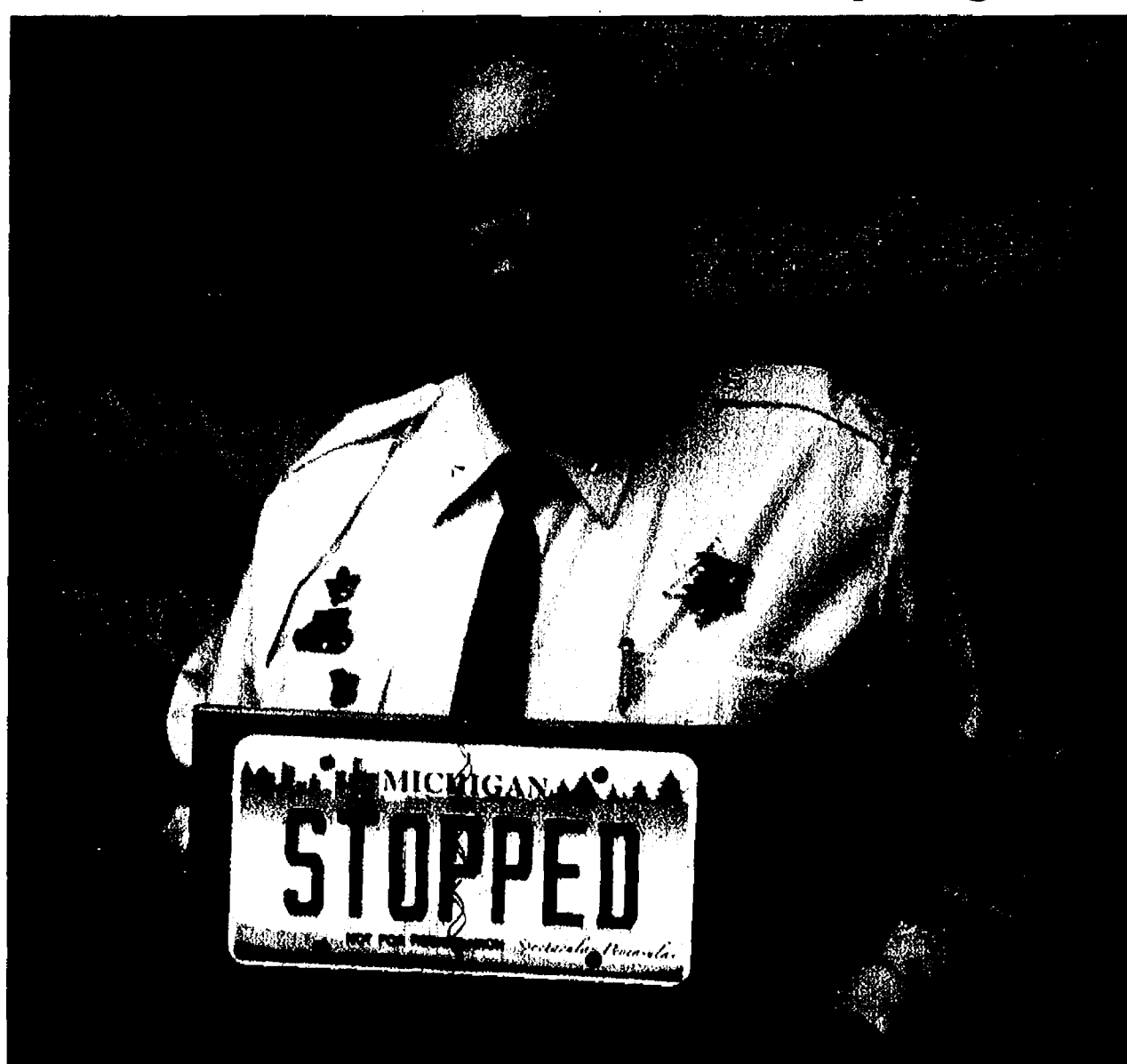


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Safety tips offered for trick-or-treating

The smell of crisp autumn air and the crunch of leaves underfoot is enough to raise anticipation in any child for Halloween.

Unfortunately, Halloween sometimes can mean accidents and injuries if proper precautions are not taken.

"Halloween is an exciting time for children, but staying safe has to be the priority," said Dr. Appa Rao Mukkamala, a Flint radiologist and president of the Michigan State Medical Society.

Accidents can happen as children "trick-or-treat" at dusk. Frequent injuries include scrapes and scratches from sharp objects, and sprains or broken bones from tripping on costumes and steps. Dangers also come from moving vehicles as children dart into the street, or become lost if they fall behind the group.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner suggests that children and families plan on trick-or-treating between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Incidents can be avoided with a little pre-Halloween preparation.

The Michigan State Medical

Society recommends the following tips to pick out a perfect costume for a safer trick-or-treating experience:

- It is important that a child can easily see and breathe when wearing a costume mask. If the eye and nose holes are not big enough, cut them bigger. Facial make-up may be a safer alternative.

- A costume should fit loosely to allow for free movement and warm clothes under it, but not so loose that the child might trip over it.

- Do not pick out a costume that involves carrying a sharp object; replace it with something soft, flexible and not pointed.

- A costume should be fire-retardant; candles and jack-o-lanterns can easily ignite fabric as a child rushes by.

- If a bright or light colored costume can't be found, reflective tape can help a child stand out in the night. Each child also should carry a small flashlight.

Families are also encouraged to map out their evening and routes by using the following
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Fall forestry



Volunteers at Wellington Farm, USA, cut boards from logs, among the fall colors on Sunday near the farm park's carpenters shop, using a steam powered tractor. Above left, John Porth prepares a log to be cut. Above right, Delbert Curio operates the tractor.



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Association then sends a letter to the parents of the teen, to notify them of the traffic stop, so they are aware of the situation and can enforce at-home rules regarding driving privileges.

Last year, the STOPPED program was started by sheriffs in Crawford, Emmet, Kalkaska and Roscommon counties.

So far, only one teen with the sticker, recently stopped by Deputy Shawn Schnoor for a stop sign violation, has been pulled over since the program has been in place. A citation was not issued, but Wakefield said the teen's parents will be receiving a letter from the Michigan Sheriff's

Association.

"Knowing that the sticker is there might serve as a deterrent for teens acting or driving poorly," Wakefield said. "That is what we're hoping for."

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office was one of five law enforcement agencies recognized for the program. The sheriff's office received the award for rural counties with a population under 20,000 people for signing up 47 teens and their families with the STOPPED program.

"Promoting safe teen driving, it doesn't get any more important than that," said Kelly Chesney, a spokesperson for the Michigan Secretary of

State's office. "These sheriffs are setting the bar for the program in the state."

Wakefield said he was pleased to accept the award from Land at a Michigan Sheriff's Association conference held in Lansing, last week, on behalf of all sheriff's office employees who are involved in making the program work.

"She thinks it's a great program, and without the support, it just doesn't work," he said. "We are all trying to work together to make our community a better place to live, and that is something I feel very strongly about."

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from the fund from the state and federal government, depending on the nature of the case.

Cindy Pushman, the director

of the DHS agency for Crawford County, said the nearest privately run foster care agencies are located in Alpena, Traverse City and Bay City.

Pushman said officials have been able to decrease the placement of children into private care agencies, from 40 percent to 25 percent, by placing the children in homes of relatives and having them overseen by local case workers.

"When kids stay within their community, we really find that they are much more successful as adults," Pushman said. "With relatives, they have much more of an invested interest."

The increased move to privatization of foster care, as well as placing the children on state paid health care plans that local physicians don't accept, further hinders the care that the chil-

dren receive, Pushman said.

"It should be something that we look at. What's in the best interest of the child, not the needs of a private agency," Pushman said.

County officials vowed to continue to protest the state foster care mandates, seeking additional DHS funds from state agencies.

"We're splitting families apart rather than trying to pull them together," said Dave Stephenson, the chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. "This is just absolutely nuts."

Commissioner Rick Anderson said that state officials need to address foster care guidelines that urban areas can accommodate, which rural communities struggle to meet.

"I think we get shortchanged on everything," Anderson said.

Diamond ring found at I-75 rest area

State police are searching for the owner of a diamond ring, which was found near Frederic.

A man from Coldwater, traveling on southbound I-75 in Crawford County, stopped at the rest area near Frederic around 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 and found a diamond ring in the the parking lot.

The man brought the ring, which appears to be a wedding band, to the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police.

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The Auxiliary of Mercy Hospital Grayling recently held its annual awards banquet at the Ramada Inn of Grayling to honor the dedicated service of those auxiliaries who have given of themselves volunteering their time, talents and energies to the mission of Mercy Hospital. Above left, Sue Brenner received an award for 6,500 hours volunteered for the Auxiliary from Paul Lerg, the chairman of the Mercy Hospital Grayling Board of Directors. Above right, Carole Herdrich received an award for 1,500 hours volunteered to the Auxiliary from Lerg. Left, Susan Smith, Marie Peters, Dawn Counts and Pat Okon were given awards from Lerg as 100 hour volunteers for the Auxiliary.

Mercy Hospital Auxiliary members recognized

The Auxiliary of Mercy Hospital Grayling recently held its annual awards banquet at the Ramada Inn of Grayling.

This special event is held each year to honor the dedicated service of those auxiliaries who have given of themselves volunteering their time, talents and energies to the mission of Mercy Hospital.

The Auxiliary partners with Mercy Hospital to support the mission of the hospital in providing quality medical services to the residents of Grayling and the surrounding communities. The volunteers spend equal time working within the facility, helping with the daily operations and fund-raising to assist the hospital in meeting its capital budget requirements.

During the fiscal year 2007, the Auxiliary donated a total of 16,234 hours that made a difference in the lives of patients and staff alike, working in support positions at the front desk and other service areas, attending the waiting areas, escorting patients and their families around the hospital, staffing the Window Shop and a myriad of

other tasks throughout the facility. Additionally, the Auxiliary in 2004 accepted a substantial fund-raising effort to raise \$250,000 to be put toward the capital campaign for the hospital's new Emergency Department. This past fiscal year, the Auxiliary presented the hospital checks totaling \$40,000. Since the original five year commitment, the Auxiliary has retired more than 85 percent of its total pledge.

At the banquet, 52 members of the Auxiliary were honored for their hours of volunteered service. These awards spanned time frames of 100 hours of volunteer service up to 9,000 hours, with each of the distinguished recipients receiving a gold star pin, with their hours of service noted, to be proudly worn on their uniforms.

The Mercy Hospital Auxiliary has served since being founded in 1912 by 20 local women. Those initial volunteers began as a fund-raising group to help the Sisters of Mercy purchase essentials for the hospital such as bandages and antiseptic. During the

1960s, the Auxiliary doubled its membership and brought a more official tone to the organization. The current membership has 105 active Auxiliary members, who are committed to serving the hospital and the community through their tireless efforts.

Mercy Hospital Grayling serves the community of Grayling and the surrounding counties of Crawford, Roscommon, Otsego, Oscoda, Kalkaska, Montmorency and Ogemaw. The hospital is owned by Trinity Health, which is the third largest Catholic Healthcare system in the world, and is partnered with Munson Healthcare to provide the best healthcare service to our communities in northern Michigan.

If you would be interested in learning more about Mercy Hospital Grayling and the Hospital Auxiliary, stop by the office located in the Organization and Talent Effectiveness suite, or call Scott Hoffer, volunteer services specialist, at (989) 348-0527 and find out how you too can be come part of the Auxiliary and

begin to make a difference that really counts.

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Thunderstorms whip through region

Crawford County escaped the brunt of thunderstorms in the region that resulted in tornadoes in the surrounding counties.

A low pressure system moving across the Midwest caused weather to intensify, resulting in high winds, thunderstorms and heavy rainfall during storms that whipped through Crawford County in the late afternoon and evening hours on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Rainfall occurred earlier in the day, followed by sunny weather and warm winds.

The mix of weather preceded

the thunderstorms, which caused tornadoes in Kalkaska County, Oscoda County just north of Luzerne, Cheboygan County near Black Lake and two confirmed tornadoes in Alpena County. Winds reached over 60 mph.

"We pretty much had the right things come together at the right time to set the stage for this," said Brian Adam, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service office in Gaylord.

The storm left 777 Great Lakes Energy customers in Crawford County without power. The

power was restored to most of the customers by early Friday.

A total of 12,140 customers in Great Lakes Energy's 26-county service area, were left without power.

"The storms were pretty widespread in nature," said Dave Guzniczak, spokesperson for Great Lakes Energy.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

In politics, things don't change very fast

THE MORE things change, the more they remain the same — or so it seems.

Current headlines proclaim a budget crisis in the Michigan legislature, with warnings of a government shutdown at month's end.

Wait a minute. Didn't Michigan's statehouse politicians settle all this in the final minutes of the state's fiscal year Sept. 30?

Didn't they reluctantly order an increase in the state's personal income tax, and adopt new taxes on a bunch of personal services, such as manicure sessions and other activities deemed less than vital to personal existence? Didn't those new taxes solve the problem?

Oh, of course, there was the continuation budget. The state would operate on the same budget for another month while our leaders decided how much to cut which state services to even

things out but that shouldn't take long. After all, these problems have been apparent since February or even earlier.

But so far, nothing is settled about the other part of the problem — the cuts.

With only a week or so before the continuation budget expires, state government again is threatened with a shutdown.

What's with these people? Can't they agree about anything?

Of course, things will get straightened out sooner or later, and Michigan probably will avoid an actual shutdown. But the way decisions are made is disheartening and weakens public confidence in government, when problems are solved only when a gun is pointed directly to the head, with fingers on the trigger.

That's no way to run a government. Michigan deserves better.

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ENDORSEMENT — Gov. Jennifer Granholm finally has officially endorsed New York Sen. Hillary Clinton for president, which is not exactly a surprise.

Apparently this is no big deal. Ms. Granholm issued a statement backing Ms. Clinton as the only candidate who really understands Michigan problems and can provide the Washington help Michigan needs.

This message was followed with a signed column (with Lt. Gov. John Cherry as co-author) in the Sunday newspaper expanding on why the choice is Ms. Clinton.

For her part, Ms. Clinton issued a perfunctory note of appreciation for the endorsement, but that was all. No warm embrace before the TV cameras. No joint appearance. No warm, enthusiastic semi-public phone calls. Nothing to indicate that

Ms. Granholm's support is important to the Clinton campaign.

Of course, the New York senator is embargoed from "campaigning" in Michigan because of Michigan's decision — warmly embraced by Ms. Granholm — to jump ahead of the system with our Jan. 15 presidential primary, thus violating national Democratic party rules.

Ms. Clinton and other top tier Democratic candidates promised not to campaign in Michigan before the primary, although Ms. Clinton has permitted her name to appear on the ballot while other top Democratic hopefuls — Barack Obama, John Edwards, Bill Richardson and Joe Biden — did not.

Alternative Democratic candidates on the ballot with Hillary Clinton will include Chris Dodd, Dennis Kucinich and Mike Gravel. The Almanack hereby

predicts a Clinton win in the 2008 Michigan Democratic primary.

Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow was an early public Clinton backer. Let's see: First Hillary, then Debbie, now Jennifer. That's certainly not the Old Boys Club.

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BACK IN HARNESS — The regular Almanack author is back in harness this week after a couple of weeks away, for my first ever trip to Italy.

Upon my return, a friend asked the usual question: "How was Italy?" I replied: "Old."

School kids in Italy have a lot more national history to learn than American students do. We've been a nation for less than 250 years; Italy goes back about 10 times that long.

A couple of quick impressions:

— Our tour group covered northern Italy in a plush, air con-

ditioned bus, and I was impressed by the modern and extensive highway system connecting the major cities. Roads seemed in better condition than Michigan's, too.

— For spending money on the trip, I plunked down 100 good old American dollars, and received about 65 Euro dollars in exchange. One Euro dollar — used in the 15 countries of the European Union — is worth about \$1.50 in American money. So if you spend \$20 Euros for a souvenir, it costs you \$30 American dollars. The American dollar until recently has always been welcome and valuable currency around the world. Not now. That's not only surprising, it's also a bit frightening.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Clearing the way for Great Lake shipping

The Great Lakes have a problem. Freighters are getting stuck in Great Lakes shipping channels, and they need tugboats to turn them around. Many boats can't reach their docking sites, other ships are carrying reduced loads, and some shipments have simply ceased altogether.

For example, one freighter ran aground in the Saginaw River last year and its rudder was torn off and never found. And shipping at the Wirt Stone Dock in Buena Vista Township has dropped by a whopping 25 percent.

What's behind this problem, which is hurting Michigan's economy? There is an enormous backlog in dredging the lakes. Dredging is the process of removing sediment that builds up in shipping channels and prevents ships from getting through. It is a routine and necessary practice but requires constant vigilance.

In recent years, Great Lakes dredging has not been adequately funded, and according to the Army Corps of Engineers, there is currently a backlog of 16 million cubic yards that needs to be dredged.

This dredging backlog has been made much worse by historically low water levels in the Great Lakes. Lake Superior, for example, has dropped to its lowest level in 81 years.

This situation is simply not sustainable. Every year, hundreds of millions of tons of goods are transported through

the Great Lakes waterways. Freighters carry steel for our automobiles, limestone for the construction industry, and coal to provide electricity for homes and manufacturing plants, among many other products and resources needed nationwide.

Recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported that the Great Lakes system needs about \$200 million for dredging each year. But the Great Lakes are being short-changed by about half that amount every year.

Part of the problem is that the Corps' budget nationwide has not been sufficiently funded, but the shortfall for the Great Lakes is also due to how that money is prioritized. In recent years, the Army Corps has prioritized dredging projects based primarily on the amount of tonnage a harbor processes, shortchanging ports that handle less than one million tons of cargo per year.

That is simply unfair. Almost half of the commercial harbors in the Great Lakes handle less than one million tons of cargo each year, and two-thirds of all shipping in the United States either starts or finishes at small harbors like these. Many of the communities surrounding smaller ports depend on shipping activity much more than at larger ports.

Manistee Harbor on Lake Michigan, for example, is classified as a small harbor because it handles "only" 940,000 tons of cargo. Yet multiple companies rely on this harbor, including Morton Salt, and fully 10 percent

of the local population is economically dependent on the port.

I'm working on a number of fronts to secure the resources for the dredging we need. I am working closely with the Senate Appropriations Committee to obtain the necessary funding. The appropriations bill passed by the Committee in June includes \$53 million for operation and maintenance of Great Lakes shipping channels, including dredging. That's \$15.6 million more than last year and \$13.5 million more than the President requested. As the bill continues to make its way through Congress, I will continue to fight hard for this funding.

Working with my colleagues, I also added a provision to the Water Resources Development Act that would direct the Secretary of the Army to expedite the maintenance and dredging of important navigational channels within the Great Lakes. That bill has been passed by the Senate and is very close to becoming law. I have also personally urged the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Great Lakes harbors and channels.

It will be slow and difficult work to get the Great Lakes navigation infrastructure rehabilitated, but it needs to be done. Right now, the biggest ships are each leaving more than 8,000 tons of cargo behind on the docks so they won't get stuck in shipping channels that haven't been dredged. Eight thousand tons is enough coal to provide three hours of electricity in Detroit or enough steel for 6,000 cars. With Michigan's economy already suffering from the loss of manufacturing jobs, we can't afford to lose the economic activity from shipping on the Great Lakes. Adequate funding for dredging and more equitable treatment of smaller ports can make the difference.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

EDITOR

DNR is turning forests into plantations

To the editor:

Have you noticed the forests in your area being turned into pine plantations? At first I thought it strange that a sign across from Grayling High School called what was previously state forest a plantation.

In my high school civics class, we were taught that the DNR protected our forests, not leveled them. Although mature oaks were left standing across from the high school, the oaks and other hardwoods on DNR's Compartment 177, adjacent to the Manistee River, will not fare as well.

There are plans to remove over 10,000 cords of hardwood, as

well as nearly 5,000 cords of softwood, including white pine, cedar, tamarack, and red pine. A jack pine plantation will replace them. A similar fate is in store for Compartment 173, near the Manistee River, just south of Deward.

We are told the 90,000 acres of forest being turned into jack pine plantations are good nesting for the Kirtland Warbler. What if a disease strikes the jack pine? We will have sacrificed 90,000 acres of richly diverse forest.

When a forester recently commented on pines being planted so they can be harvested, I suddenly realized that crops of trees are replacing our forests.

It is sad a government that was entrusted with the preservation of the forests for future generations has become a plantation landlord, and we are the taxpaying serfs.

If the DNR hasn't made a "selection" in your neck of the woods yet, you have a lot to be grateful for this Thanksgiving.

To find out what the DNR is "prescribing" for the forest near you, attend a meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Forest Management Office on M-93 and I-75, Hartwick Pines exit, or fax a forester at 989-348-8825.

P. Whiteford
Frederic

Address traffic through our town

To the editor:

I have never written a letter to the editor before, and unlike so many others, I have no criticism to vent. Simply an idea that will directly benefit Grayling in a positive way.

I have given a little thought to traffic flow through our town, and the need to increase the number of drivers on I-75 that decide to pass through town.

The bulk of our visitor traffic now is heading to and from Traverse City, and a good portion of that goes from 4 Mile to

Military road, bypassing us altogether.

I would like to see some signs or billboards, along northbound and southbound I-75, that show how easy it is to get off at exit 254 northbound, roll through town, get back on at M-93 - Hartwick Pines Road, and the same for getting off at M-93 and getting back on at the south end of the business loop.

How about some inexpensive advertisements in downstate newspapers with a map showing the route? I have been asked by

visitors several times about how to find the highway from town. Am I the only one?

It really is not hard to find the way, but we need to direct traffic with some signs. Especially along the business loop in town, showing how to get back on northbound I-75. There is a lot of commercial real estate between Lake Street and M-93 that is dormant or under-used. Some more traffic through that area would be a great thing.

Ed Baudoux
Grayling

Ticked off with local gas prices

To the editor:

I am really ticked off at our local level of greed regarding outrageous prices for gasoline.

I regularly need to drive to Houghton Lake or Prudenville and the same brand of gas is 18¢ a gallon cheaper there than it is in Grayling.

So, for every 1000 gallons sold, an extra \$180 profit is gouged from us all. I wouldn't

venture to guess how many thousands of gallons are sold by any one station, with the same overhead and the same purchase price for resale, but I know they're not giving it away in Houghton Lake and this goes on year after year.

You can't blame the Arabs. This is price fixing, plain and simple. It is illegal and our government is a joke. It is immoral and they have no conscience.

When do the boys get together for coffee and doughnuts, laugh and decide what we all will pay tomorrow? I would like to be at that meeting.

I think they think we are just stupid. What do you think? Buy Grayling?

Phil Faustman
Grayling

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone

number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to edit-

ing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

COA to host Halloween party

The Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, will have a Halloween party on Oct. 30, at 5 p.m. There will be music, games, a costume contest and a dessert contest. This event is free. For information, transportation, or to volunteer, call 348-7123.

GHS to hold scholarship workshop

A Scholarship Application and Evaluation Process Workshop will be held Monday, Nov. 5 from 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. in the Grayling High School Media Center. A panel of local, college and national scholarship reviewers will discuss the application and evaluation process. Seniors, juniors and parents may attend; students should sign up in the counseling office and include specific questions they would like panel members to address. Must have at least 20 signed up by Nov. 1. For more information, contact Ms. Walker at 344-3510, Mrs. Thompson at 344-3511 or Mrs. Bonamie at 344-3512.

Michigan Hospice to hold grief group

Hospice of Michigan will offer a "Holiday Season" Grief Support Group, in the Grayling and Roscommon areas, Nov. 2007 through Jan. 2008. Call Briana to register at 989-705-2603.

GPA honors Member of Year

The Grayling Promotional Association will host its annual Chamber Business After Hours to honor their Member of the Year, on Oct. 25, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Grayling Country Club. Cost is \$5 at the door. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. A cash bar will be available. Everyone is welcome. Call the Chamber office at 989-348-2921 with questions.

Mercy Hospice to hold training

Mercy Hospice will be holding Volunteer Training, Oct. 31- Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Grayling Hospice Office, 324 Meadows Drive, (behind Pizza Hut, off I-75 business loop), Grayling. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Mercy Hospice service area. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside. To register, contact Sherry at 989-344-4409 or 1-800-424-1457, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non business hours.

Boosters sponsor fund-raising night

The Grayling Youth Booster Club is partnering with Wendy's of Grayling for a Community Fund-Raising Night. A percentage of the sales from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, will be donated to the Booster Club. Booster board members will be present and encourage the community to support the club.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The craft project will be pinecone birdfeeders. All are welcome. Call 348-8519 for more information.

Church to hold movie night

The Grayling Free Methodist Church will not be holding Trunk - R-Treat this year. Instead they will be holding a movie night on Nov. 9.

American Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 will hold their monthly meeting on Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Operation Sock Monkey needs you

Sew your support. Operation Sock Monkey is off to a grand start, but we need you. On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., there will be another community sew in. We need people to stuff, hand sew, machine sew, and so much more. Show support for our troops deployed and join in the monkey business at the Devereaux Memorial Library.

Red Cross announces local blood drives

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Frederic Elementary School, from noon to 5:45 p.m. On Wednesday, Nov. 7, a blood drive will be held at Grayling High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The community is welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age. There is no age cut off, but prospective donors should weigh at least 110 lbs. Those who plan on donating should drink plenty of liquids and eat before coming in. Donors will need to bring either a Red Cross card or a picture I.D.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, a community blood drive was held at the Grayling American Legion, with

59 units of blood collected. First time donors were: Raymond Johnson, Kevin Smith and Patricia Thompson. A four gallon pin was awarded to: Donald Rakoczy; a 16 gallon pin was awarded, but his name was not recorded, please call 348-8348.

On Friday, Sept. 7, a special type O blood drive was held at St. Mary's Family Center, with 30 units collected. A 12 gallon pin went to Kirtland Kitchen; a six gallon pin to Mark Zelek; a two gallon pin to Edward Mullin; and a one gallon pin to Christy Voelker. A first time donor was Wendy Clyma.

Public workshop organized regarding forest management practices

Crawford and Roscommon County concerned citizens have organized a public workshop to gather information regarding residents' interest in and priorities for publicly owned forest areas in the two counties. The information will help shape a vision and assist in improving communications with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (M.D.N.R.) and the U.S. Forest Service (U.S.F.S.).

Grayling Township Supervisor, Terry Wright, said "The object of this meeting is to gather citizens together to listen to the experts on forest management, then begin the process of putting together a comprehensive master plan of what the citizens would like to see in the near and distant future."

"We'll take into consideration the needs of the forest product industry, tourism, wildlife habitat, and the general aesthetics of timber harvesting, then we'll try to apply what we've learned to meeting the needs of everyone involved through a documented plan."

"We want to work with everyone, including the M.D.N.R. and industry foresters in developing our plan. When we're finished, probably months from now, we'll present it to the M.D.N.R. group that will be developing their own long-term forestry plan," said Wright. The M.D.N.R. has currently identified a team of experts who are working to develop a 20-year, eco-regional forest management plan for northern Michigan. The eco-regional plan is expected to be developed by late summer of 2008 and be implemented by early 2009.

Development of the vision for

the two counties is to fit within this time frame to maximize opportunity to shape the plan.

Objectives for this public workshop include listening to the community and gathering thoughts and ideas about future management of publicly owned forested areas in Roscommon and Crawford counties. The current collaborative forest management planning process will be reviewed.

Perspectives will be collected on diverse values for forested lands, measures for those values, and public forested lands of particular interest.

This workshop has been planned by a group of residents, business owners, and representatives from organizations and governmental bodies who have had several meetings regarding concerns on how area public forests are being managed.

This workshop is designed to be a part of a process aimed at better communication with the M.D.N.R. and U.S.F.S. No answers to complaints or specific issues will be given at this meeting; this is an information gathering session organized by volunteers and is not sponsored by either the M.D.N.R. or U.S.F.S.

Written comments are being taken by Lois Byrd, Roscommon County Economic Development Coordinator, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 or byrdl@roscommoncounty.net for those who are unable to attend the workshop. Concerned citizens who are interested in being part of this process are invited to the Grayling High School, on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Annual free Diabetes Health Fair planned

More than 2,300 residents are estimated to suffer from diabetes in Crawford and Roscommon counties.

Diabetes is a group of diseases, characterized by high levels of blood glucose, resulting from problems in insulin production or insulin action. About five million people nationally are not even aware that they have this potentially deadly condition.

To provide information about diabetes, Mercy Hospital Grayling is offering a free Diabetes Fair from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Ramada Inn in Grayling.

Health care professionals from the hospital will offer: a cooking demonstration, free blood pressure checks, exhibits of diabetes supplies, recipe sampling, door prizes, mini-sessions on foot care, medications, and stress management, and flu vaccinations for \$25.

There is no admission charge for this informative session, but registration is requested because space is limited. People who have Medicare should bring their cards with them because it will cover their flu vaccine.

For more information, or to register, please call Mercy Hospital Grayling's Diabetes Education at (989) 348-0455.

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RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Oct. 21 of \$25 each: Pat Harris, Cheryl Melroy, Tyke Golnick, John Besonen, Sarah Golnick and Tina Bassett.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Oct. 19 of \$100 is: Diana Spare.

The Bible Speaks

No Dominion of Law and Sin

Romans chapter six answers two questions about continuing the practice of sin in the life of a believer. Romans 6:1,2 teaches us that through our union with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are dead to sin. "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Now in Romans 6:14,15 we are taught that being free from the law does not encourage us to sin under grace. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Those who would say that salvation by God's grace through faith promotes a license to sin are ignorant of God's Holy Scriptures.

Christ has redeemed us from the dominion of sin, death, hell and the grave. "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him." (Rom. 6:9). Jesus Christ not only fulfilled all the righteous

demands of God's law for us, He also paid the penalty for our sins of breaking God's law. "For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God." The law condemned me to death, Jesus Christ took my sin and death fulfilling the righteous demands of the law. "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living" (Rom. 14:9). Jesus Christ is Lord, that is, He has dominion. As 1 Tim. 6:15 reminds us He is "...the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords."

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John 1:17). As 2 Cor 3:7-9 remind us, the glory of law could only lead us to condemnation and death. It could not give us forgiveness, justification, and eternal life. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (Rom. 3:20). "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." (Gal. 3:11). As the great apostle Paul reminded the great apostle Peter in Galatians 2:16: "Knowing that a man is not

justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Galatians 2:21 reminds us that to claim righteousness by the works of the law is to deny the death of Christ to give us salvation by grace: "21I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Galatians 5:4 makes it even stronger: "4Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

Anyone who believes they are free to practice sin at will is not a Christian. A true believer knows Jesus Christ died on the cross for their sins. One cannot know that their sin nailed Jesus Christ to the cross and then somehow believe God saved them to continually practice sin in their daily lives. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

John M. Hilyard

Aug. 18, 1977 - Oct. 20, 2007
John M. Hilyard, 30, of West Branch, passed away on October 20, 2007.

He was born in Pontiac, on August 18, 1977, to Michael and Agnes (Perez) Hilyard.

He graduated from Grayling High School in 1996.

He married his high school sweetheart, Monica Lawrence in June of 2000, in Saginaw.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church of West Branch.

He most enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, boating, camping, the Detroit Lions, and coin collecting.

He is survived by his wife Monica of seven years; daughter, Valerie Marie Hilyard; parents, Michael and Agnes Hilyard; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Armand and Lorraine Lawrence.

A funeral service was held on October 23, at 3 p.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Rev. Ronald Voelker officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com

Memorials may be made to a trust fund that will be established for their daughter, Valerie Marie Hilyard. These can be mailed in care of Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602 Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Otto Loeffler

Jan. 26, 1912 - Oct. 22, 2007
Otto Loeffler, 95, of Lovells, passed away on October 22, 2007.

He was born in Plattenhardt, Germany on January 26, 1912.

He moved to Lovells from Detroit and worked at Bear Archery until retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret of 72 years; son, Robert (Madeline) Loeffler of Warren; daughter, Carroll "Shotz" Rankin of Gaylord; grandchildren: Thomas (Kristi) Rankin of Phoenix, Ariz., Rob Loeffler of Elgin, Ill., Tina (Joe) Zito of Macomb Twp.; great-grandchildren, Danielle and Kyle Zito; sister, Klara Loeffler of Reutlingen, Germany; nephew, John (Sandy) Seibel of Fla.; and niece, Barbara Connolly of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Seibel of Lovells.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Darrel D. Holey

Oct. 14, 1962 - Oct. 16, 2007

Darrel Donald Holey, 45 of Ludington, passed away on October 16, 2007, at his father's residence, while residing at Tendercare of Ludington, with an illness.

He was born in Pontiac, on October 14, 1962, to Sherman and Phyllis Holey.

He enjoyed playing bingo, hunting and fishing. He will be sadly missed by all.

He is survived by his father, Sherman (Margaret) Holey; brothers, Sherman (Barrie) Holey III of Fenton, Gary (Tina) Holey of Ludington; sister, Peggy Mott of Grayling; step-brothers and sisters: Kenneth Steiger of Utah, John Steiger and Margaret Pucilowski of Ludington; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Joseph in 1996; and brother, Roy Anthony Holey in 1960.

A memorial service was held on October 20, at Oak Grove Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Ludington with Deacon George Reison officiating.

Cremation took place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee.

Memorials may be directed to the Sherman Holey family. Arrangements made by Oak Grove Funeral Home and Cremation Center of Ludington.

Alan H. Watros

June 14, 1950 - Oct. 18, 2007

Alan Harvey Watros, 57, of Grayling, passed away on October 18, 2007.

He was born in Pontiac, on June 14, 1950, to Harvey and Joyce (Everett) Watros.

He served in the U.S. Army as a SP5 in the Korean War. National Defense Service Medal; Parachutist Badge; Good Conduct Medal (2d Award); Expert (Rifle); Army Commendation Medal. He also served in the U.S. Army as a SFC.

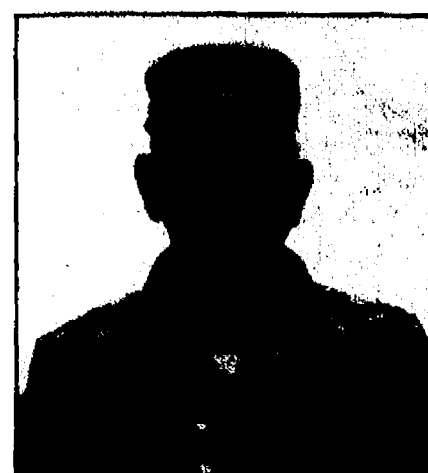
He married Rose J. (Staph) Watros.

He is survived by his wife, Rose of 37 years; daughters: Tammy Watros of Maple Valley, Joyce Watros of Alpena, Ellen (Calvin) Gossage of Mio, and Brandi Watros of Grayling; sisters: Sherry, Elaine, and Donna; and brother, Bill Watros.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Ellen; brothers, Terry and Clint; and four nieces.

The funeral service was held on October 20.

Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.



Howard Hatfield

Aug. 9, 1927 - Oct. 16, 2007

Howard Thomas Hatfield, 80, of Grayling, passed away on October 16, 2007.

He was born in Detroit, on August 9, 1927, to Harold James and Gertrude (Mathias) Hatfield.

He served in the U.S. Marines as a Cpl. in WW II.

He was an avid deer hunter and a trout fisherman. He had a passion for carpentry.

He worked as Customer Service Manager at Bear Archery for several years and managed the fish hatchery.

He married the former Mae Louise Wilcox, on November 8, 1947, in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Thomas (Margaret) Hatfield of Hudsonville, William (Karen) Hatfield of Gainesville, Fla.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers: Harold Hatfield, Micky Hatfield, Warren Hatfield and Carl Hatfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Hazen, James and Roger Hatfield; and an infant sister.

Military honors will be accorded at noon on Saturday, October 27, at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to Mercy Hospice, Grayling.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

During Dale's struggle with diabetes over the past numerous months, there are so many people we need to say thanks to. First of all the MMR team for their quick response, ER doctors and nurses, Dr. Ramaswamy, Dr. Khanna, Dr. Korneli, Dr. Hanselman, Dr. Jackson, Mercy Hospital social workers, Hilltop Manor, Grayling Nursing Center, Jan and Vivian, Elwin and his neighbor, Wilford. Also, all the people who sent cards, money and the beautiful plants. Finally, Terrie Lockwood of Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home who provided comforting assistance. Again, we say thank you.

Arlene M. Czuba and family,
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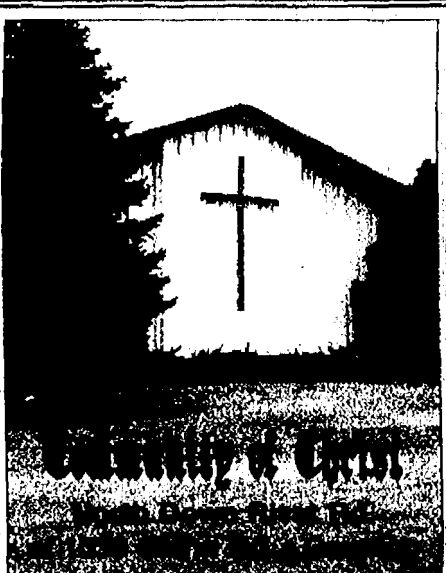
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MILITARY NEWS

Sergeant First Class Scott R. Carr, of Waters, was recognized for his outstanding leadership in a ceremony at Camp Grayling. This year's recipient, Carr of Waters, was selected by his peers for his untiring devotion to duty and excellence. The bronze eagle Senior NCO Leadership Award was presented by Camp Grayling's Post Command Sergeant Major Terry P. Richardson. He is the full time readiness non-commissioned officer in charge of the headquarters company, Joint Maneuver Training Center, Camp Grayling. Carr was selected by his peers to receive the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Award, which is a bronze eagle inscribed: SFC Scott R. Carr, Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center, Senior NCO Leadership Award 2007. In a letter from Colonel Dean W. Brown, Post Commander of Camp Grayling, Carr it was noted: "You are commended for your recognized leadership skills based on duty, performance, mentorship and personal attributes. Your leadership performance is of the highest quality and an exemplary



SFC Scott Carr

example for all to emulate. Your superb display of leadership, personal integrity and commitment to our enlisted soldiers is outstanding." Today's citizen-soldiers have proven their relevance in the global war on terrorism, and maintained their dedication to support both our nation and the great state of Michigan, in times of disaster or emergency. Carr is a combat veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a graduate of Gaylord High School and holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement from Kirtland Community College. He resides in Waters with his wife Alma and son Gabe.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

The Crawford County Library HUGS (History United with Genealogy) group will be partnering with the Crawford County Friends of the Library on Monday, Nov. 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library to put up "The Mitten Tree". The Mitten Tree was established by the Friends of the Library as a way to help those within the community during the holidays to keep warm. Citizens are encouraged to bring new mittens, hats, gloves, scarves etc. to be added to the tree. All items are donated to The Christian Help Center and are given to local families who are in need. Please feel free to join all of us in beginning the holidays by helping to put up the tree, add mittens and to decorate. Light refreshments will be served.

The Crawford County Library Literary Book Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 30, at 5 p.m. to discuss "Nineteen Minutes" written by Jodi Picoult. The book club

meets at the Devereaux Memorial Library on the last Tuesday of each month. We encourage anyone who is interested to join. In November the group will be reading "Loving Frank".

In November, the Devereaux Memorial Library will host the Camouflage Club. The first event will feature a visit from Deputy Jason Alexander on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 3:30 p.m. To kick off this event, there will be camouflage face painting, dog tags and a secret hand shake. The next event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 3:30 p.m. for "all the Lego maniacs." The final Camouflage Club activity will be on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 3:30 p.m. The participants will be making camouflage duct tape wallets. Each of these events will supply a snack fit for any youth in the woods and an opportunity to be entered into a mystery bag drawing. Sign up is limited to 35 participants for each program. For more information, call Jane at 989-348-9214 ext. 1.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the dogs and cats at the shelter, we would like to thank the following for their help in making our third quarter of 2007 wonderfully successful. To everyone who donated their time, energy, talents, food, beverages and ice, as well as silent auction and special drawing prizes for our Grand Opening Celebration. To Flowers by Josie and Judy Frederick for the wonderful new plants to adorn our reception area, and all the help of so many people to get the new shelter ready for presentation to the public. To Xpress Copy Center for so many things, including our classy new logo and for enduring our endless last minute requests. To Linda Golnick and the Crawford County Avalanche for the beautiful advertisement and coverage of the event. Thank you.

To the more than 300 hundred people who attended our Grand Opening Celebration on July 21, 2007, bid on auction items and bought drawing tickets. It was so heartwarming to see the enthusiastic looks on your faces and hear your positive comments about the new shelter. Thank you!

To the anonymous donor of a \$150 gift certificate from Milltown Feed and Lawn, thank

you so much, whoever you are. And many thanks go to Bill McQueen, owner of Milltown Feed, for his donation of 100 lbs. of grass seed for our future landscaping needs.

To all of you who have opened your hearts and homes to one of our lovable dogs or cats, we are so grateful ... and so are they.

To all of you who have volunteered to walk dogs, offering a kind hand and encouraging words to them, and to clean cat boxes and pet kitties, thank you. Finally, to all of you who donated returnable beverage cans and bottles, sent us your Spartan UPCs, and put change in our dog houses, thank you. While these gifts may seem small in stature, together they make a huge difference for the animals.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Oct. 25 - 31 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Oct. 25 and Oct. 29 - 31.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting MK19 40MM grenade live fire. Oct. 28 - 29 and Oct. 31.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Oct. 25 - 31.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Oct. 25 - 28 and Oct. 31.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd., and on the east by Carrier Rd. Oct. 25 and Oct. 27.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range, located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of Range 13 and west of

Beaver Creek (Military Rd.) Oct. 31.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., and south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Oct. 28 - 31.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on Oct. 28 - 31, Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 83 complaints the week of Oct. 15 - Oct. 21:

Ten suspicious situations, 16 general non-criminal complaints, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglaries/home invasions, one burglary/forced entry/residence, eight larcenies, one fraudulent activity, two damage to properties, one family offense/abuse/neglect, eight public peace/disorderlies, three health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, nine

traffic accidents, one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, three hazardous conditions, one inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, four inspections/investigations-family and five driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of Oct. 7 - Oct. 14:

One traffic accident, six traffic warnings, one civil citation issued, one motorist assist, one misdemeanor arrest, four suspicious situation complaints, two larceny complaints, two alarm complaints, four juvenile complaints, one assist other department, one fraud, two B&E complaints, and 19 unclassified complaints.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank my sister Debra Sala and my mother Gloria Post for taking care of my pets and home while I was in Europe for the past month. I couldn't have gone on this fantastic vacation with my daughter Brandi and son-in-law Serge, without your help.

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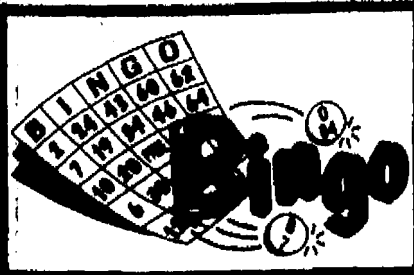
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Safety tips offered for trick-or-treating

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tips:

- Make sure all children and parents know the route that will be used. Draw a map, if needed.
- Have children travel in groups of two or more; never let anyone tick-or-treat alone. Plan your groups now to avoid confusion on Halloween.
- Instruct children to approach only houses or apartments that are well lit and tell them to never go inside for candy.
- As a final precaution, a small child should carry a piece of paper with name, address and

phone number in case they get lost.

Halloween can be a scary time and, unfortunately, accidents do happen. The key to promoting an incident-free holiday is preparation. Take time now to make sure you and your family have appropriate costumes, a familiar group and a set route. Halloween can be a lot of fun, as long as you take extra efforts to make it safe.

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Corrections officer grad



Joe Avalos, a corrections officer for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, graduated from Kirtland Community College's Corrections Academy on Thursday, Oct. 18. Avalos has worked for the sheriff's office since June 1, 2006, completing on the job training. He was required to attend the academy by the Michigan Department of Corrections to become a certified corrections officer. Above, Crawford County Undersheriff Shawn Krayes and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield joined Avalos, middle, at the graduation ceremony.

Local soldier scores big in D.C. race

Grayling area resident SGT Sharon Whitcher recently traveled to Washington D.C., with six other Michigan National Guard soldiers, to compete in the 23rd Annual Army Ten Miler, the largest ten mile race in the country.

According to team organizer Captain Bob Lombard of Riverdale, "SGT Whitcher's excellent run time of 01:33:11 was an outstanding accomplishment which allowed the Camp Grayling team to place well."

Over 17,000 runners finished the race in hot temperatures and high humidity. This is Whitcher's second year in a row as a member of Camp Grayling's 10 Miler team.

Whitcher is a full-time mechanic for the Army National Guard and is married to SFC Todd Whitcher who along with their children, Ty and Ashley, cheered Whitcher to a strong finish.



Camp Grayling's 10 Miler team participated in the 23rd Annual Army Ten Miler in Washington, D.C. Pictured L to R back: CPT Bob Lombard, SGT Kevin Hopkins, CW4 Rich Burcham, SGT Ron Hart, front: SGT Sharon Whitcher, SFC Misty Woltuis and CW2 Jessica Ulrey.

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McClain and Son Construction selected as August's spotlighted member



The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club selected McClain and Son Construction as August's Spotlight-a-Member. Pictured L to R, Gwen McClain, office manager; Cameron and Scott McClain, owners; and their mascot Garrett.

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club selected McClain and Son Construction as the Spotlight-A-Member award for the month of August.

McClain and Son Construction is owned by Scott McClain who has been a builder since 1979.

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MILITARY NEWS

Derek Etzler, a 2007 graduate of Grayling High School, completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, on Oct. 12, 2007.

Airman Etzler is now attending tech school specializing in fire protection at Goodfellow AFB, Texas.

His current address is AB Etzler, Derek L., 161 Nichols St., Unit 6647, Goodfellow AFB, Texas 76908-3302.



Derek Etzler

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Dr. Kerle for being an amazing dentist and a wonderful friend. You will be sadly missed by the

McClain family.
Until we meet again,
Jerry and Wilda,
Gayle and Brandi

GMS principal recognized



Jeff Branch, the Grayling Middle School principal, was honored at the Grayling High School Alumni Association's annual banquet recently held at the Ramada Inn. Celebrating reunions at the banquet were the classes of 1942, 1947, 1957, 1962 and 1967. Above, Jim Burtch, president of the Grayling High School Alumni Association, presents a plaque to Branch to recognize his achievements at the Grayling Middle School.

HONORS

AP Scholar Awards

Three graduates of Grayling High School (GHS) Class of 2007 have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP Exams. Only 18 percent of the more than 1,400,000 high school students in 16,000 secondary schools worldwide, who took the AP Exams, performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of courses and exams. At GHS, two students, Ashley Jurkovich and Robert Ramaswamy, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Jurkovich is the daughter of Mark and Johanna Jurkovich.

She is attending Michigan State University, where she was granted sophomore status based on her AP exam scores.

Ramaswamy is the son of Dr. K. and Carol Ramaswamy. He is attending Yale University where he is studying biology.

Glenn Hampton qualified for the AP Scholar Award, which is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. Hampton is the son of Gary and Theresa Hampton. He is currently serving in the army, at Fort Benning, Ga. He has completed his basic training and will be going to Fort Gordon as an information technology specialist.

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USA Trailer Sales offers new storage rentals

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

USA Trailer Sales has established two new buildings to accommodate customers' storage needs.

The first 40 foot by 195 foot building includes 42 units for indoor storage. The second building is a 56 foot by 104 foot facility, which can be rented by the foot for the outdoor storage of equipment such as boats and recreational vehicles, said Kevin Willis, the manager for USA Trailer Sales.

USA Trailer Sales is owned by Langiness Holding, a company founded by Rose and Pierre Langiness of Monroe.

The owners decided to create the storage facilities on their property, located at 6659 M-93, to fill the demand for storage for Lake Margrethe property owners and troops training at Camp Grayling.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

USA Trailer Sales, located at 6659 M-93, started renting its indoor and outdoor storage spaces earlier this month.

"There are a lot of seasonal people that have a need for storage," Willis said. "It's a nice facility and it's in a good location."

Willis said the business opted to diversify its operations at the M-93 location after recently purchasing All American Storage Units in Frederic.

"It's an investment for the

business is what it's going to be," Willis said.

USA Trailer Sales, which has been in the community about 10 years, features the sale of Haulmark, American Manufacturing, Quality and Rance trailers.

The business also has an active service department, serving the needs of local residents and I-75

travelers.

"We have one of the busiest service departments in the company," Willis said.

USA Trailer Sales has six other locations, including another northern Michigan store in Traverse City.

Langiness Holding also operated Goldstar Outdoors stores in Edmore and Ionia.

Patriot award presented to local business

Camp Grayling recently held their Annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club, honoring a local business that has supported the soldier's training at Camp Grayling.

This year the Patriot Award was renamed in honor of Colonel Dennis D. Hull, the founder of this award. This year the Camp Grayling Colonel Dennis D. Hull American Patriot Award was presented by Mrs. Hull and Austin Hull to recipients Keith Miles and Sandy Coe of Pay's Motel in Grayling.

Many local businesses have done an outstanding job of sup-



L to R: Austin Hull and Sandy Hull present Keith Miles and Sandy Coe with the Colonel Dennis D. Hull American Patriot Award.

porting the soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and law enforcement agencies training at Camp Grayling. A committee

solicits input to determine which business has made an exceptional impact on those training at Camp Grayling.

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Seamlessly drive into winter

(NewsUSA) — The winter months are quickly approaching, which means it's time to gear up for the weather ahead. Don't forget your car on your winter-to-do list. Having your vehicle serviced for cold weather driving is important not only for peace of mind, but also for personal safety.

The non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), the group that tests and certifies automotive technicians, offers tips on preparing your car for the winter months.

- Read the owner's manual. These manuals offer recommended service schedules that are specific to your car.

- Correct any engine problems you've noticed. Hard starts, rough idling, stalling and diminished power can go from being a problem to a disaster in cold weather.

- Check your engine coolant. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked and replaced if old. Replace coolant with a 50/50 mix of coolant and water.

- Check your belts. Take your car to a professional technician to check the tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses.

- Change your oil and oil filter

as specified in your manual.

- Be sure your heater and defroster are in good working order both for your comfort and visibility.

- Check your battery. The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment, however, any weekender can scrape corrosion from posts and cable connections, clean surfaces and re-tighten connections. Be sure to wear eye protection and rubber gloves for safety.

- Check for exhaust leaks. Inspect the trunk and floorboards of your vehicle for small holes, which could emit deadly exhaust fumes.

- Check your tread. Worn tires are of little use amid the winter elements. Replace them with all-season radials or snow tires, depending on your climate.

- Replace worn windshield wipers and keep plenty of washer fluid on hand.

- Put a bottle of fuel de-icer in your tank once a month to help keep moisture from freezing in the fuel line.

For more car care tips from ASE, founded in 1972 to improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive professionals, visit www.ase.com.



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Fall car care helps forego frosty frustration

(ARA) — The cooler days of fall are an excellent time to prepare your car for the potential ravages of winter. According to the experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), "Cold weather will only make existing problems worse."

A few minutes in the garage this fall could help prevent a much more time-consuming and unpleasant experience this winter. First, read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules. No one knows your car better than the company that manufactured it.

Here are a few items that are easy and simple to check before fall turns to winter:

Motor oil — The easiest way to protect and improve the performance of your car is to upgrade to a high-performance synthetic motor oil and change it regularly. Synthetic motor oils have better

low temperature fluidity and a lower coefficient of friction than mineral-based motor oils. This will help ensure easier start-ups on cold weather days.

Some motor oils are actually formulated with molecules that chemically bond with engine components for continuous engine protection.

Tires — Worn tires can be extremely dangerous on rain, snow and ice. Examine tires for remaining tread life and uneven wearing. Be sure to check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks as well. All-season radials or winter tires are a wise investment for those who must drive in inclement weather regularly. Check tire pressure once a month and rotate tires as recommended by the manufacturer. Don't forget to check your spare and be sure the jack functions properly.

Cooling System — It may be time for a flush and refill if it's

been more than a couple of years since the coolant has been changed. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. A 50/50 mix of antifreeze and water is usually recommended. Additionally, the condition of hoses should be checked for cracks and leaks.

Windshield Wipers — Check the condition of your wiper blades and replace them if needed. If your climate is harsh, purchase rubber-clad, winter blades to fight ice build-up. Stock up on winter-formula windshield washer solvent. You'll be surprised by how much you use. If you don't have an ice-scraper, buy one before you need it.

Battery — A dead battery can make a cold winter morning a miserable one. If your battery is beyond its recommended service life, replace it. Top any low battery cells with distilled water. Cleaned and tighten battery ter-

minals to ensure electricity gets from the battery to the starter on chilly fall mornings. If corrosion is present, clean it with a mixture of baking soda and water, and put on a set of battery washers to keep corrosion from coming back. Make sure the battery terminals and hold downs are tight. It's also good to clean and lubricate hinges and the hood latch.

Fuel — It's important to keep gas lines from freezing in cold weather. No vehicle can run if it can't get fuel. A full gas tank will help prevent moisture and ice from forming. Particularly cold weather may warrant using a fuel deicer to prevent fuel lines from freezing. A block heater is another option that is fairly inexpensive and easy to use.

Properly preparing your car for winter is simple and doesn't require a lot of time or technical expertise. The payback in reduced risk of a preventable breakdown and improved performance is well worth the minimal effort.

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Tips for getting around safely in the winter

(ARA) – Looked at a calendar lately? Time sure is flying! It seems like just yesterday you were enjoying those long, sunny days out by the lake. Now you're counting down the days till Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the holidays aren't all you should be thinking about. The most wonderful time of the year is also the most dangerous time of year to be on the roads.

According to the AAA, loss of visibility, slick roads and poorly maintained brakes lead to thousands of accidents every year, and the highest number of weather-related injuries and fatalities occur during the wet and snowy months of winter. But there are precautions you can take to help prevent accidents, and to be prepared, just in case.

Now – before the flakes start flying – is the time to winterize your vehicle! Start by making sure it is well maintained and in good working order. Here's a checklist of things to inspect:

- Check all fluids and replenish if necessary.
- Have your vehicle's battery checked to make sure it is strong enough to make it through the winter.
- Check tire tread depth and tire pressure; consider special tires if snow or ice are a problem in your area.
- Check to see that all lights work and headlights are proper-

ly aimed.

- Be certain the heater and defroster are working properly.

- Change your windshield wiper blades if your current ones are worn or UV damaged to ensure good visibility during the season's rain or snow storms.

It's always good to be a defensive driver, but it's especially important in inclement weather. Good winter driving depends on using common sense and adjusting your driving to weather conditions.

- Keep your gas tank full to minimize condensation, and provide an extra margin of comfort and safety in case of delays.

- Don't use your cruise control or overdrive when it's freezing (or colder).

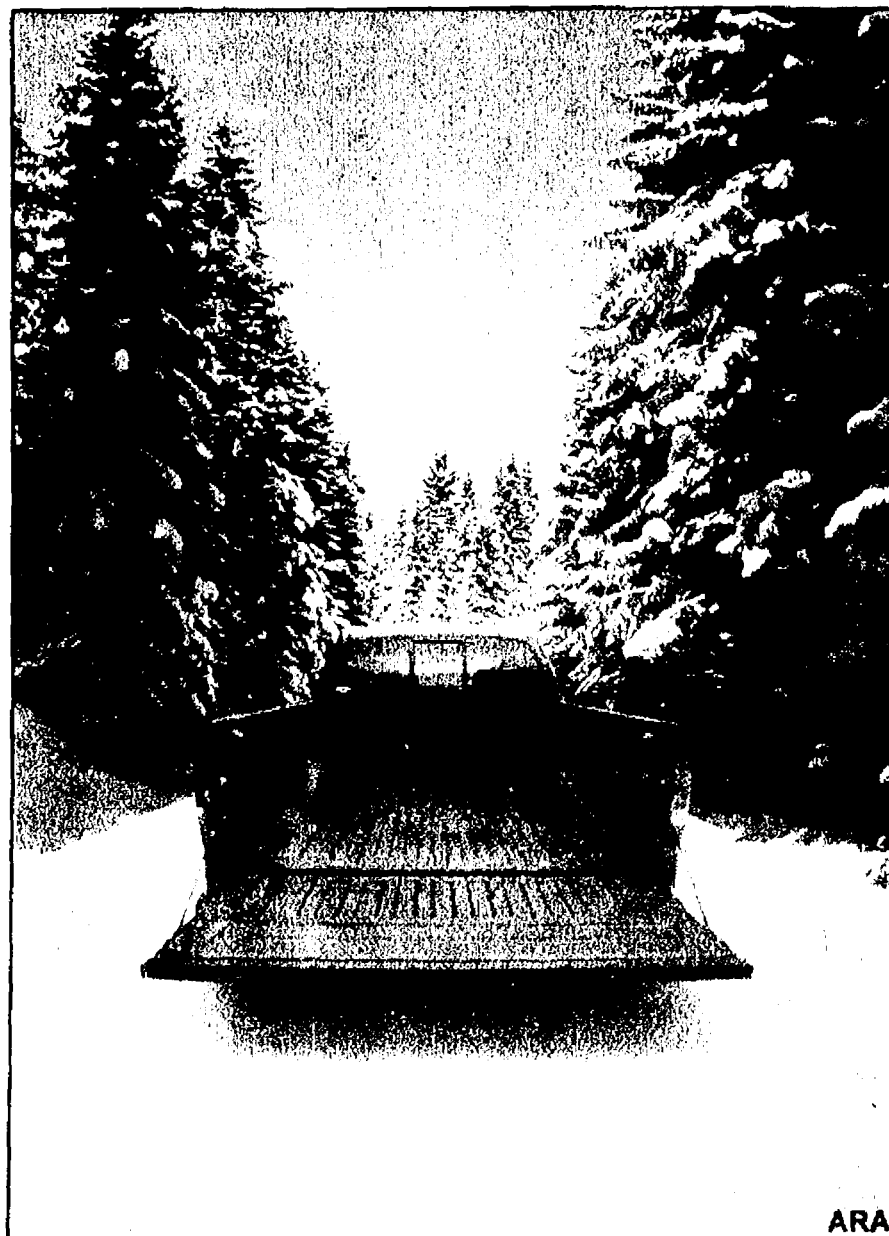
- Trucks take longer to stop, so don't cut in front of them.

- Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It helps you get going quicker but won't help you stop any faster.

- Add weight to the rear of your car or truck for better traction. If you drive a car, add weight to the trunk by using sandbags. If you drive one of the more than 38 million registered trucks on the roads, you should add weight to the truck bed.

Finally, keep emergency supplies in your vehicle. Here's a list of some items that will come in handy if you're stranded:

- Basic safety equipment such as emergency cash, scraper and



Add weight to the rear of your car or truck for better traction during the winter months.

brush, small shovel, jumper cables, tow chain, and bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction.

- A breakdown kit that includes road flares, blanket, gloves, boots, warm clothing, flashlight, extra batteries, food, water, and first-aid kit.
- A CB radio or cellular phone

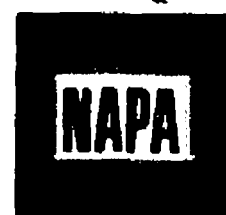
can be a lifesaver for you or another stranded motorist in the event of an emergency or collision.

These tips and a little common sense will keep you and your family safe on the road this winter.

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Autumn leaves present driving hazards

(NewsUSA) – Autumn's leaves are beautiful to see, but when wet or in piles, they present driving hazards unique to the season. The Car Care Council reminds drivers to prepare for fall driving conditions by having their vehicles' tires, brakes and wipers checked before heading out.

Most motorists know that puddles or standing water can cause loss of control, and they adjust their driving accordingly. But fewer drivers, especially inexperienced ones or drivers new to an area with heavy foliage, are aware of the dangers of wet leaves.

A single layer of wet leaves can make braking, steering and stopping difficult. This effect is particularly dangerous at intersections and is intensified at downhill stop signs. Acceleration can be affected, too. Fishtailing can result on

leaf-strewn interstate entrance ramps and other areas where hard accelerations may be necessary.

Even when dry, leaves can present a challenge. Piles of leaves can obscure potholes, curbs and street markings and even present a fire hazard should leaves contact a hot muffler or tailpipe.

The Council reminds motorists that tires can affect the car's ride, handling, traction and safety, and that they are a critical connection between the car and the road in all types of driving conditions. To maximize tire life and safety, check the inflation pressure and the tread depth, and inspect the sidewalls for cracks or punctures. As a general rule, tires should be rotated and balanced every 6,000 miles.

The brake system is the car's most important safety system.

Brakes are a normal wear item for any car, and brake linings, drums and rotors, as well as brake fluid, should be checked at each oil change.

To help ensure the performance and safety of wipers, blades should be replaced every six months or when cracked, cut, torn, streaking or chattering. Only windshield washer fluid should be used, and it should be checked monthly.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer-education campaign, promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair, to consumers. For more information or to receive a copy of the council's new Car Care Guide for motorists, visit www.carecare.org.

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Regular oil changes, as noted in the owner's manual, improve efficiency, fuel economy and depend-

ability, and protect the engine. Automotive technicians agree. In a study of ASE-certified technicians, 84 percent of technicians surveyed said that not getting a regular oil change could cause the most problems for a vehicle, compared to other maintenance issues.

The Council reminds those who change their own oil to dispose of it properly. The council recommends that drivers follow the owner's manual for viscosity and grade of motor oil. Viscosity, which refers to the thickness or thinness of the oil, changes with temperature. Oil thins when heated and thickens when cooled, so, having the proper viscosity grade for the climate and temperatures of your geographic location is very important. Oil that does not flow well in cold temperatures will leave parts of the engine with no protection, while oil that becomes too fluid at high temperatures will also leave parts of the engine unprotected.

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Get Inspected: When a new season approaches, use it as a reminder to take your vehicle to your automotive technician for an inspection. The following items should top your cold-weather inspection: the battery, battery cables, battery terminals, air filter, windshield wipers, lights, turn signals and all fluid levels. Also, be sure to have your technician carefully inspect your belts, hoses, heating and cooling system and exhaust system.

Be Prepared: Prepare for winter weather by storing emergency supplies in your vehicle. Must-haves include: a spare tire, an ice scraper, a flashlight, warm clothing, candles and matches, a blanket, bottled water, snacks and a cell phone with a car charger.

A container of sand or kitty litter can also come in handy when trying to gain traction in snow or on a patch of ice. It is also important to keep your fuel tank filled.

Safely Rolling: Stopping on wet, winter roads can take up to four times the normal stopping distance. If your tread is worn, tires may hydroplane and skim over the surface of the road with little or no traction.

Brush up for winter driving

(NewsUSA) — No matter where you live, winter driving requires extra special attention. When the temperatures outside fall, keeping an eye on your car's mechanical condition, being prepared and driving cautiously are all critical to your personal safety and that of your passengers.

The following tips from AAA will help ensure your car is in prime operating condition. Before severe winter weather arrives:

- Inspect your vehicle thoroughly. Make sure tires are properly inflated, fluid levels are full, lights are all operating properly and engine belts and hoses are in good condition.

- A common cause of cold-weather breakdowns is a weak or dead battery. Indications of a battery that may need replacement include a starter motor that cranks the engine slowly and headlights that dim when the engine speed drops to idle.

Before you head out on the road, remember the following:

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- For safety, carry a cellular phone to call for help in an emergency.

- Pack a winter safety kit in



Did you know that stopping on wet, winter roads can take up to four times the normal stopping distance? Are you prepared this winter?

To test your vehicle's tire tread, administer the penny test. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head after you insert the penny into the tire tread, your tire tread may be too worn.

Stay Inflated: In addition to checking the tire tread, it is also important to check your tire inflation at least once a month. As the temperature begins to drop, so can the pressure in your vehicle's tires. With every 10-degree drop in temperature, your tires lose one pound per square inch in air pressure. By keeping your tires properly inflated, you

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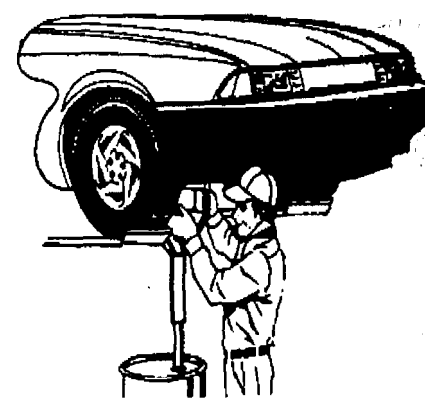
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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for September are, from the left: (back row) Lara Barajas, Killee Dehart, Shanley Dorn, Hillary Fenton, Sarah Girard, Samantha Hansen, Chau Huynh, Darryn Labo; (middle row) Louis Menard, Andrew Merithew, Cara Miller, Danielle Nelson, Courtney Nye, Jacquelyn Pratt; (front row) Jacob Robinson, Aproov Singh, Zane Tobin; (not pictured) Joshuwa Handrich, Nick Piehl, Chelsea Torok.

Retirees reflect 230 years of military service

Camp Grayling recently held their Annual Retirement and Recognition Dinner honoring eight Camp Grayling JMTC Army National Guard Soldiers. The event was held at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club. Those retiring, and their spouses, received numerous recognition awards both for the service of military member and also for the sacrifice of the spouse and family members supporting their military careers. Those retiring with years of service in parenthesis are: Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Perry (29) of Roscommon; Chief Warrant Officer Four Gary C. Derenzy (41) of Grayling; Master Sergeant Michael Kucharek (36) of Grayling; Master Sergeant Larry Holley (31) of Houghton Lake, Sergeant First Class Thomas M. Davinney (26) of Grayling; Sergeant First Class Shelley S. Brinker (20) of Grayling; Staff Sergeant Timothy J. Clabuesch (23) of



Present for photo L-R : Col. Dean W. Brown, SFC Thomas Davinney, LTC Thomas Perry, SGT Kevin Bauer, SFC Shelley Brinker, and CSM Terry Richardson.

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relevance in the global war on terrorism, and maintained their dedication to support both our nation and the great state of Michigan in times of disaster or emergency.

KCT set to entertain with 'Escanaba in da Moonlight'

The Kirtland Community Theatre is preparing to entertain area residents with its rendition of Jeff Daniels' hilariously twisted comedy, "Escanaba in da Moonlight," in a pair of upcoming performances at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts and then at the Garland Resort near Lewiston.

In his theatrical comedy, Daniels, an acclaimed actor and writer, tells the tale of five Yoopers, residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and their escapades at a ramshackle deer camp on the eve of the opening day of the 1989 hunting season.

The cast of the community theater production, led by KCPA director Don Wray, includes Jerre Werle as "Albert Soady," John Bawol as "Reuben Soady,"

William Campbell as "Remnar Soady," Joshua Jurgess as "Jimmer Negamancee," James Dunaj as "Ranger Tom T. Treado" and Michelle Perrow as "Wolf Moon Dance."

The first performance of Escanaba in da Moonlight was a Saturday, Oct. 13, dinner theater showing at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in St. Helen.

Upcoming shows include one performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the KCPA, located on the main campus of Kirtland Community College near Roscommon. The cast and crew then will prepare for a second dinner show at Garland on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Tickets for the Oct. 26 performance at the KCPA are \$10

for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

For the Nov. 10 show at Garland, tickets are \$25 each and overnight packages are available. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 877-4-GARLAND. A cash bar will be open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and the performance set to begin at 7 p.m.

While the curtain has yet to come down on Escanaba in da Moonlight, the Kirtland Community Theatre is already looking forward to its next production - the Christmas musical, "The Wishing Tree."

Auditions for the show are slated for 6-8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-23, at the KCPA.

According to organizers, eight people are needed to fill the cast, including four females of high school age, two males of high school age, one female in her 40s and one male in his 50s-60s. Auditions on Oct. 22-23 will consist of scene readings and singing a song from the script.

For ticket sales or more information on upcoming KCPA or community theater productions, contact the KCPA Ticket Office by calling 989-275-6777 or online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa/.

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Football team wins 28-7 with 28-0 second half

Playoff game to feature a Grayling vs. Elk Rapids rematch

■ *Running game yields 221 yards by Ryan Cooper and 91 yards by Tim VanNuck*
by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS Vikings trailed the Charlevoix Rayders 7-0 at half-time of last Friday's varsity football game at Grayling High School, but Grayling outscored Charlevoix 28-0 in the second half to improve the squad's season record to 7-2 with a 28-7 victory.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Rayders finished an 11-play, 65-yard drive with a five-yard touchdown run on 3rd and goal. With the extra point kick, Charlevoix led 7-0 with 3:32 left in the second quarter.

On the first play of the second half, Matt Haight recovered an on-side kick for the Vikings. Running back Ryan Cooper rushed for 27 yards on first down. Three runs by Cooper gained 12 yards and another first down. On 1st and 10 from the 11-yard line, Cooper ran the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, and Charlevoix led 7-6.

Grayling tried another on-side kick and Charlevoix recovered. The Rayders punted on 4th and 8, and the ball went out of bounds at Grayling's 10-yard line.

Cooper ran for nine yards on the first play of the series. Fullback Tim VanNuck ran for 22 yards on 2nd and 1. VanNuck

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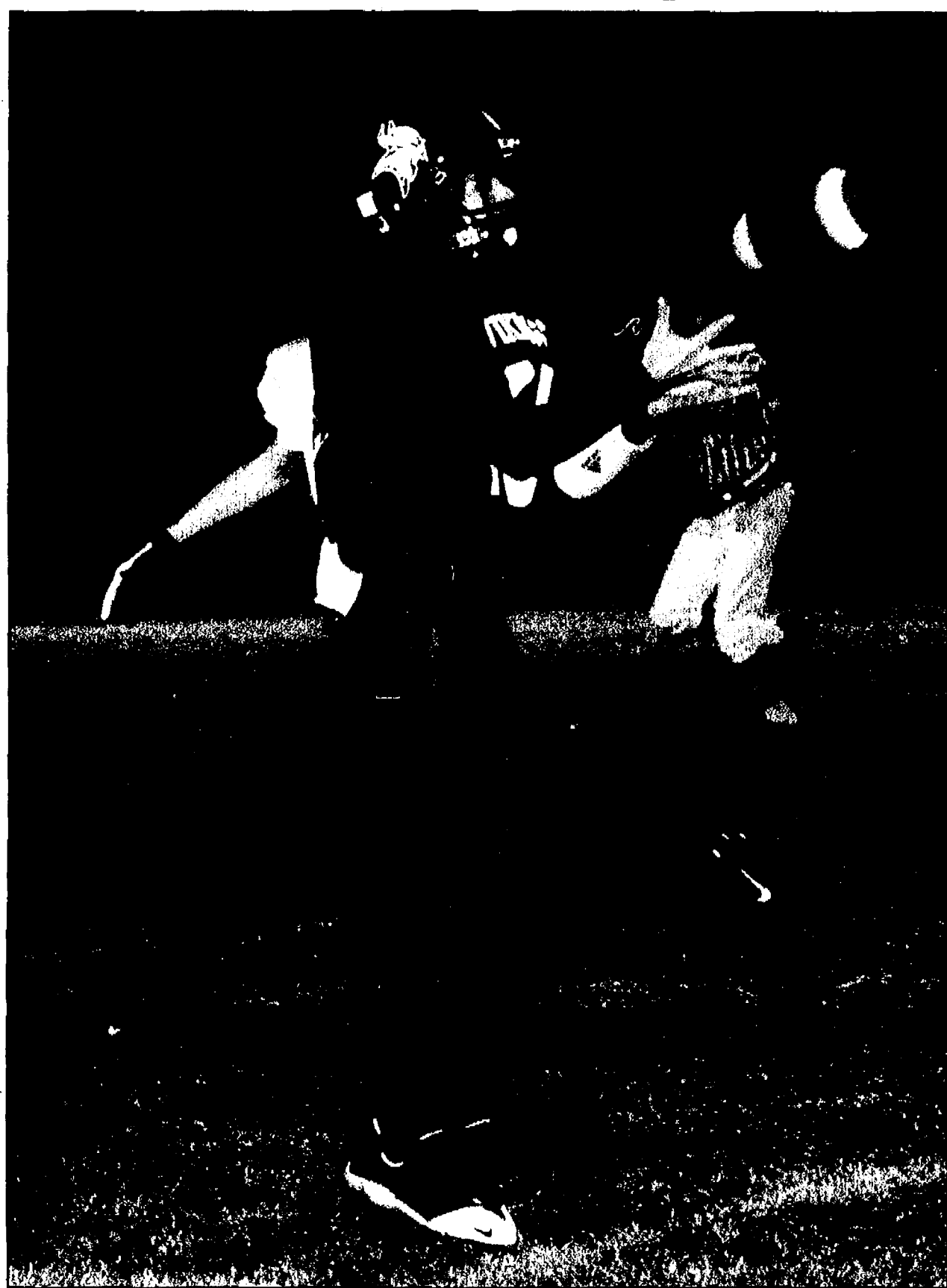


Photo by Caleb Casey

Receiver Isaac VanNuck catches a deep pass from quarterback Jimmy Osga during the second quarter of last Friday's game against Charlevoix.

Soccer team's season ends with loss in district finals

■ *Grayling defeats Boyne City Ramblers, Charlevoix Rayders to earn spot in title game*

The Grayling High School boys soccer team defeated the Boyne City Ramblers and the Charlevoix Rayders last week to advance to the District 48-3 championship game – a contest that Elk Rapids ended up winning by a final score of 8-0.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the Vikings won their round one district game against Boyne City 2-

1 in double overtime at GHS.

Max Kluge gave Grayling a 1-0 lead with a penalty kick goal at the 23:26 mark in the first half. With 22:50 left in the second half, Boyne City scored a goal to tie the contest at 1-1. Regulation ended with the score tied at 1-1. Neither team was able to score in the first 15-minute overtime session. In the second overtime period, Kluge beat the Boyne City goalkeeper on a breakaway to give Grayling a 2-1 victory.

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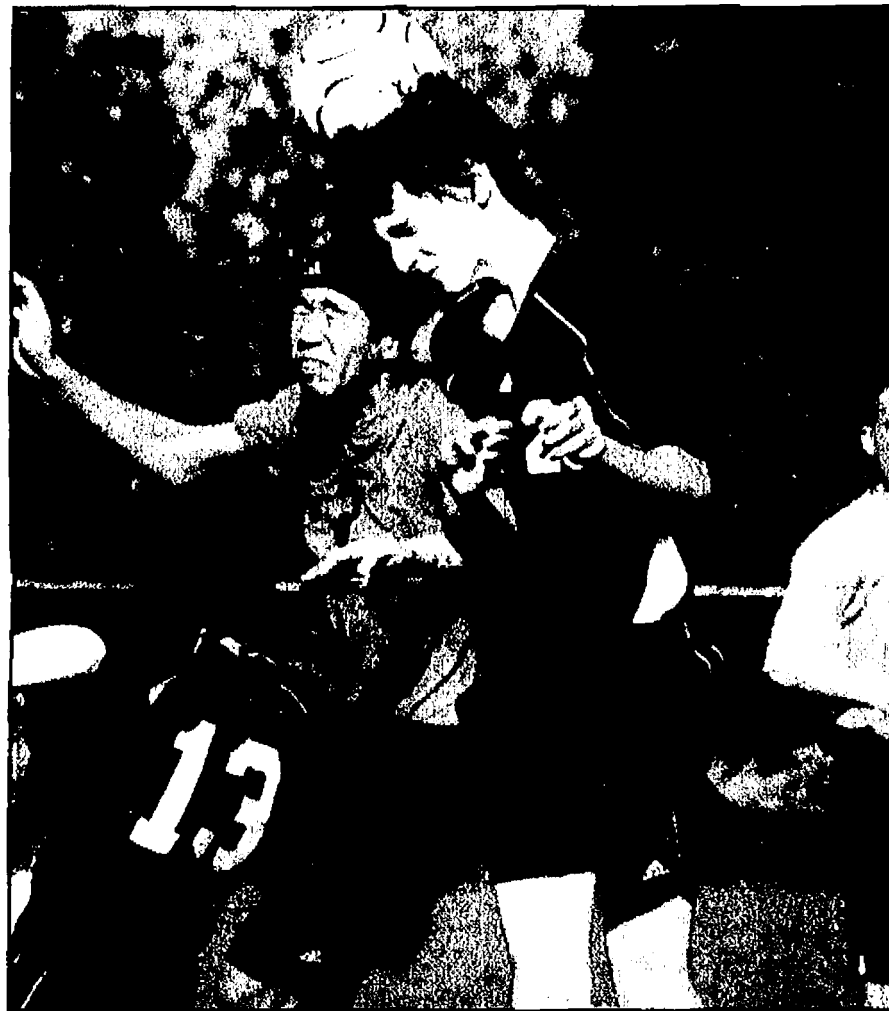
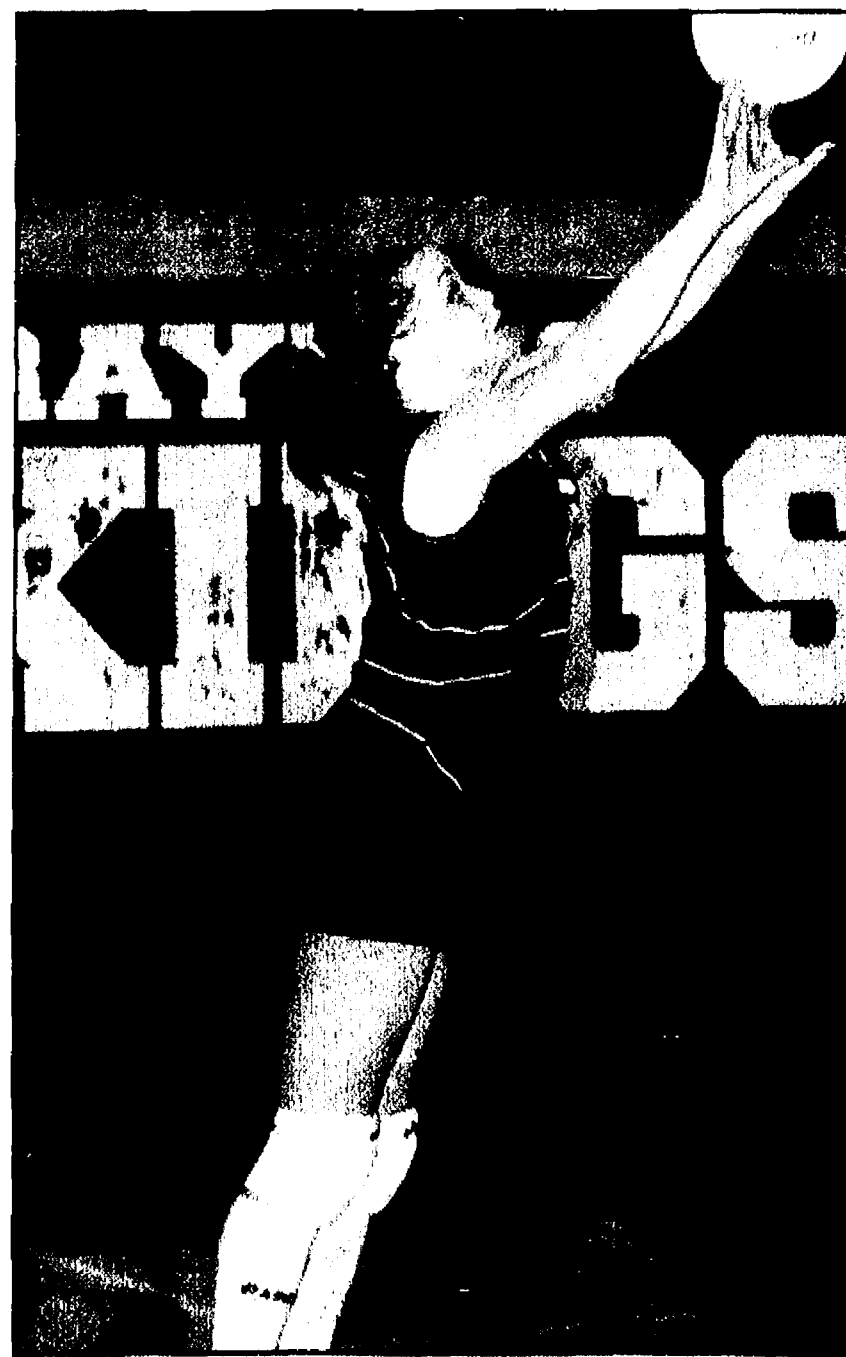
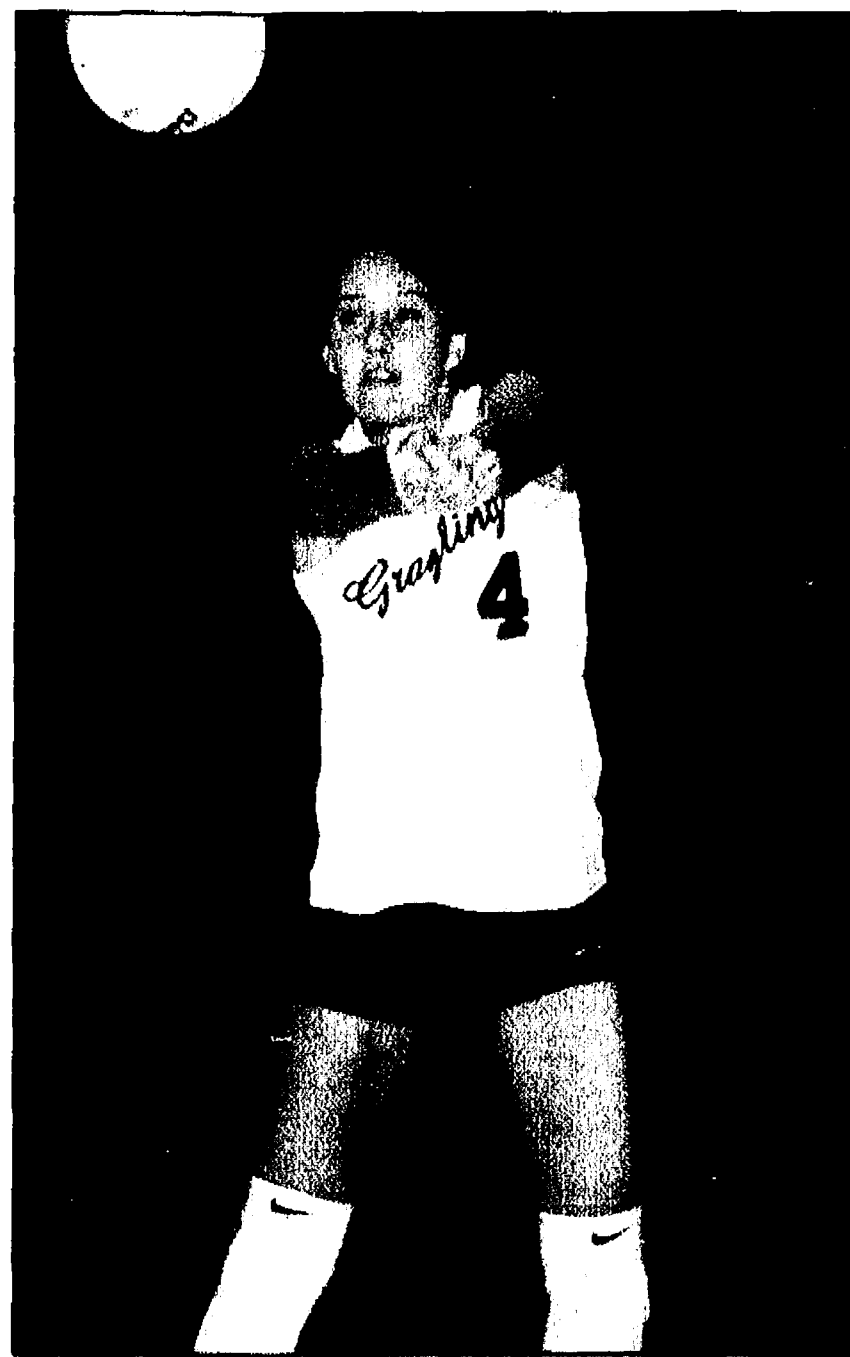


Photo by Caleb Casey

Brent Steffey goes up for a header during Saturday's district championship game at Elk Rapids.

Volleyball teams host Gladiators on Thursday



Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Jennifer Lester serves for Grayling High School's freshman volleyball team vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators on Thursday at GHS. (Center) Joni Bindchatel hits a ball for the JV squad during a series against TCSF on Thursday night. (Right) Sierra Williamson sets a ball for the varsity Vikings during their meet against the Gladiators. Grayling's freshman team won 2-1, but TCSF won the JV series 2-1 and the varsity match 3-2. For more on the three volleyball teams, see Page 4B.

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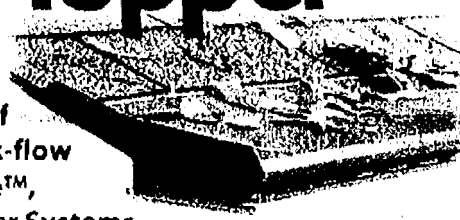
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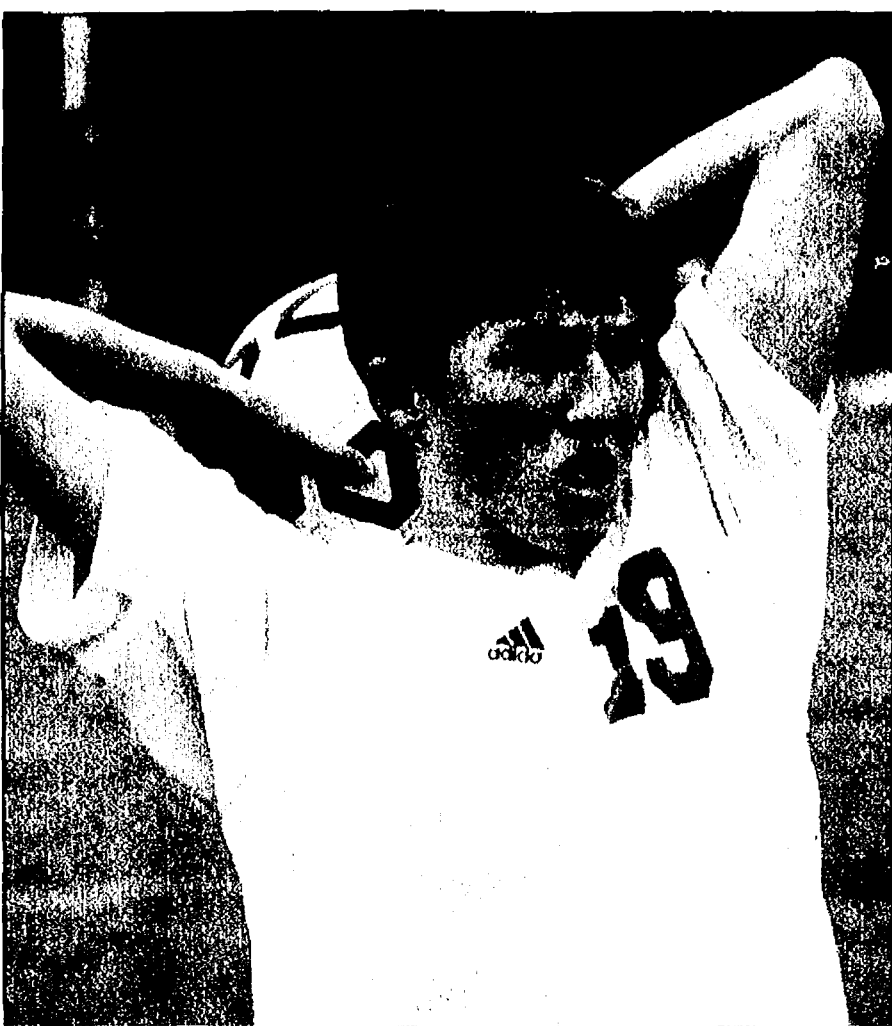
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Colin Hamlin takes a throw-in for the Vikings during last week's district game vs. Boyne City.



Andy Curriston battles for a ball against the Boyne City Ramblers on Monday night.

Soccer team's season ends with loss in district finals

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Grayling defeated the Charlevoix Rayders 6-4 in a district semifinal game at Charlevoix on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Kluge had five goals for Grayling. Mike Olson scored a goal for the Vikings on a corner kick. Peter Alexander had two assists. Colin Hamlin and Matt

Hilbrecht each had one assist.

In the district championship game at Elk Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 20, the Elks defeated the Vikings 8-0.

"We had a good season and we really fought hard to win our district games. The players showed heart and worked hard all season and it paid off when we got to districts. Despite the tough loss

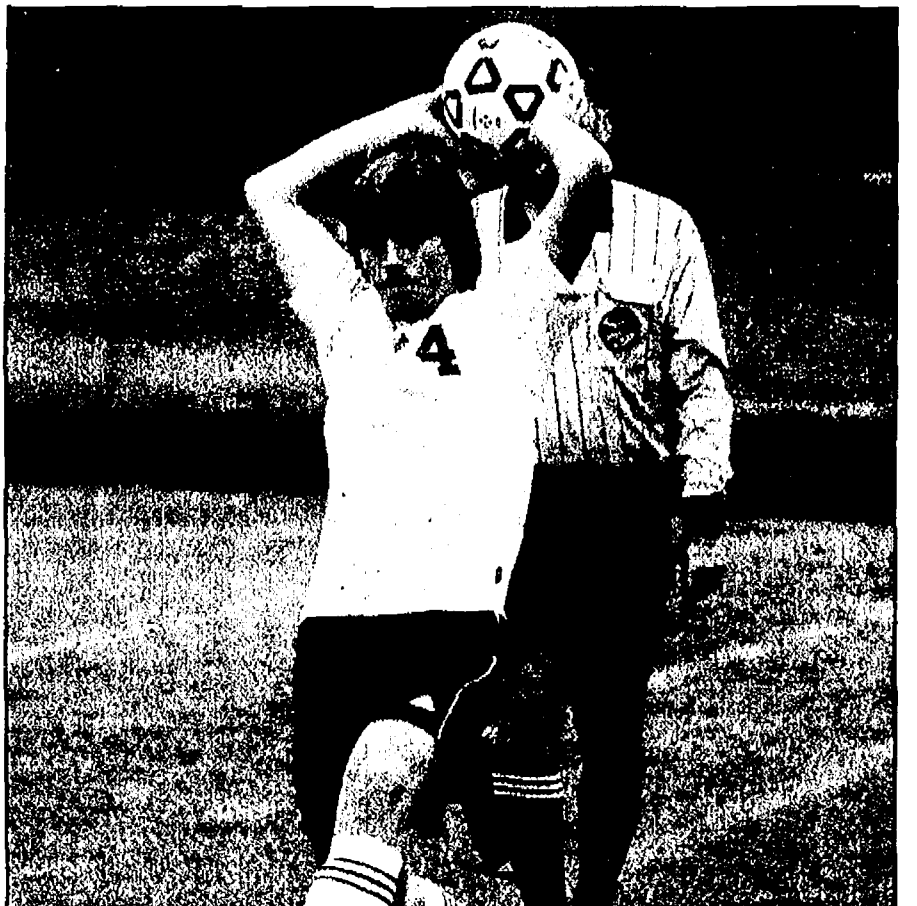
at the end of the season, it is important to recognize that this squad of young men accomplished what hasn't been done for 10 years. They made it to the district championship. We are in a highly skilled soccer conference/district and to have made it as far as we did says a lot about not only the desire of our young team but the athletic ability they

have developed for the game," Coach Craig Cobb said. "We appreciated all the parent and community support that we received throughout the season."

The Vikings finished their 2007 regular season with a record of 7-10. With a 2-1 record in districts, Grayling ended the year with an overall mark of 9-11.



(Left) Max Kluge runs down an airborne ball during last Monday's round one district game against Boyne City. (Right) Steven Sendek throws the ball in bounds for the Vikings vs. the Ramblers.



(Left) Peter Alexander performs a header during last Monday's district game against Boyne City. (Right) Jon Lovely takes a throw-in for GHS on Monday.

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Football team wins 28-7 with 28-0 second half

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ran for 34 yards on the next play. Runs by Cooper and VanNuck picked up another 12 yards. Two runs by Cooper gained 13 yards. On 1st and goal, VanNuck scored on a two-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Jimmy Osga passed to VanNuck for the two-point conversion, and GHS led 14-7 with 6:53 left in the third period. Grayling's defense forced a punt situation on 4th and 12, and Geo Bindschatel blocked the kick attempt for the Vikings. Cooper picked up the loose ball and ran all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. Jason Drudge kicked the extra point, and GHS led 21-7.

Charlevoix fumbled on 2nd and 10 and the Vikings recovered the ball. A pass from Osga to tight end Spencer Dean gained 25 yards. A personal foul penalty on Charlevoix added 15 yards to the play. The Vikings ran four plays and turned the ball over on downs at the 15-yard line of Charlevoix.

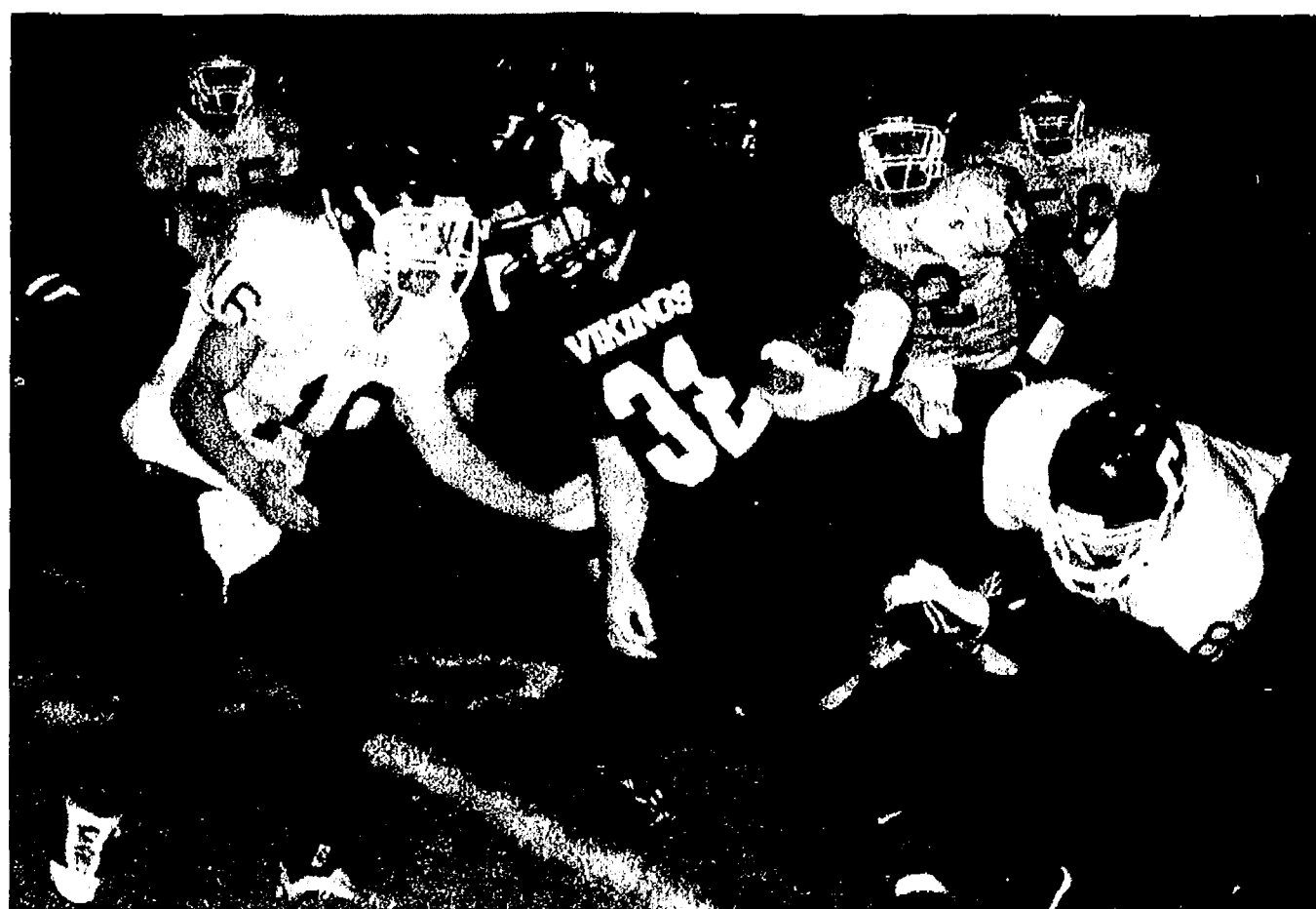
The Rayders drove 50 yards on nine plays. On the 11th play of the series, Eric Ferrigan intercepted a Charlevoix pass near the goal line to end the possession.

The Vikings fumbled on the fourth play of their resulting series and the Rayders recovered the ball. Charlevoix took over 18 yards from the goal line.

Two pass completions for Charlevoix brought up 1st and goal at the 8-yard line. Three plays later, on 4th and goal at the 11-yard line, defensive lineman Matt Letts sacked the Charlevoix quarterback to end the series on downs.

The Vikings took over at their 20-yard line. Cooper ran for 10 yards on first down. Runs by Cooper and VanNuck gained 16 yards. On 3rd and 8, Osga threw a short pass to Cooper, who gained 48 yards on the play. Grayling ran four plays and surrendered the ball on downs.

Charlevoix drove 54 yards on five plays. The next four plays failed to net any yardage and the Rayders turned the ball over on downs.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ryan Cooper carries the ball for Grayling during last Friday's 28-7 victory over the Charlevoix Rayders.

The Vikings moved 60 yards on three plays - runs by Cooper of 12, 39, 14 yards - to score their fourth TD of the second half. After Cooper's 14-yard touchdown run to end the series, Drudge added the extra point kick to give GHS a 28-7 lead with 1:29 left in regulation.

The Vikings won 28-7. Cooper finished the game with 221 rushing yards on 31 carries with two touchdowns. VanNuck ran for 91 yards on 13 carries with one TD. Osga completed five passes for 129 yards. Leading receivers for Grayling were Cooper (48 yards), Isaac VanNuck (36 yards), Dean (25 yards), and Justin Farnsworth (18 yards).

On defense, Bindschatel had 14 tackles and a blocked punt for the Vikings. T. VanNuck had seven tackles and one sack, Dean had six tackles and one sack, Cooper had five tackles, one sack, and a fumble recovery for a TD, and Letts had five tackles and two sacks.

"We definitely did not come into this game mentally prepared. That is my fault as a coach. Our strength is our emotion and team

leadership and we had none of that in the first half," Coach Ben Brock said. "The second half was a different story as we took care of business by scoring three times in the first six minutes of the third quarter. I was proud of how well the boys responded to our chat at halftime."

"We were able to hold Charlevoix to minus 11 yards rushing and 86 yards passing in the game. It was a game that we should have won by more, but finishing the season with seven wins is always good. We overcame some adversity tonight and going into the play-offs with two straight wins feels pretty good," Coach Brock said.

Grayling (7-2) will play a district tournament playoff game against the Elk Rapids Elks (7-2) on Friday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. at Elk Rapids. Elk Rapids handed Grayling one of its two losses this year with a 29-23 overtime victory at Viking Stadium on Sept. 14.

"We are fortunate enough to get our rematch that we have wanted since that cold Friday night in week four. This has been our focus for many weeks now

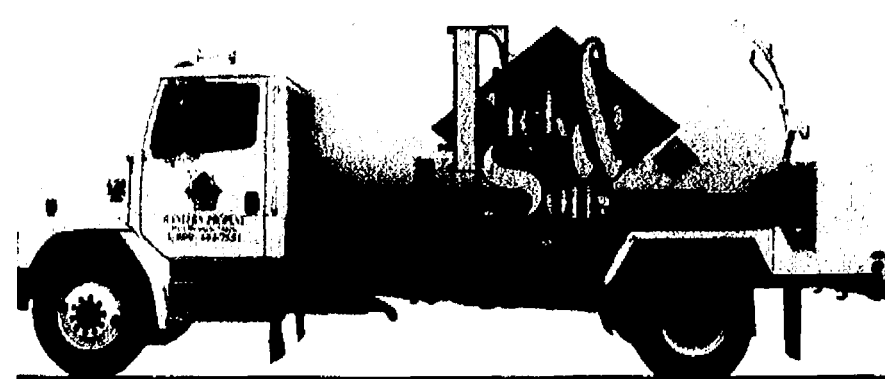
and it is finally here. It should be a packed house in Elk Rapids Friday night and you will definitely have to get there early to get a seat. They are bringing in stands but it will not be enough for the thousands that will be in attendance. Our job is clear and we must execute this time to be successful," Coach Brock said.

Wendy's Viking of the Week



Varsity Football
Coach: Ben Brock
RYAN COOPER

Ryan had 31 rushes for 221 yards and 2 TDs vs. Charlevoix on Friday. He also had a 38-yard fumble recovery for a TD on a blocked punt by Geo Bindschatel. He now has almost 1,400 yards rushing and 20 total TDs on the season.



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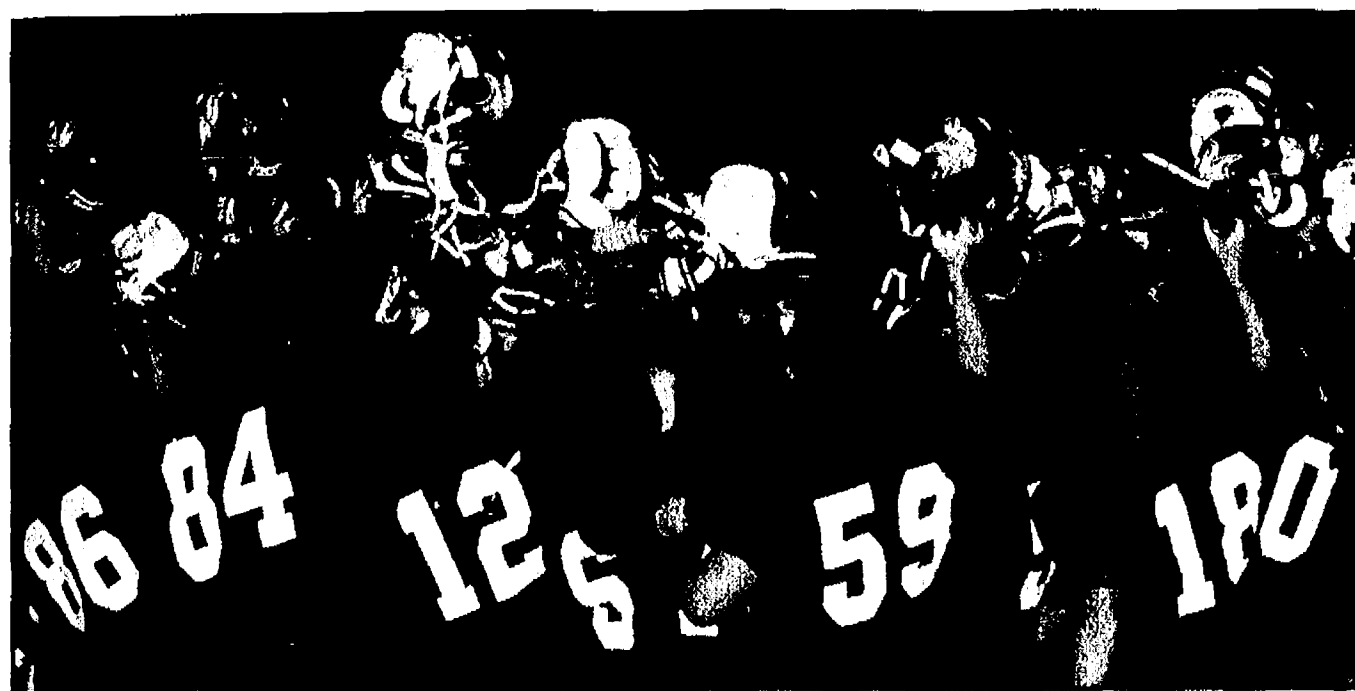
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The Vikings celebrate a win after Friday night's game against Charlevoix.

Lightning ends JV game early

In a junior varsity football game that ended early due to lightning, the Grayling Vikings lost 18-13 at Charlevoix on Thursday night.

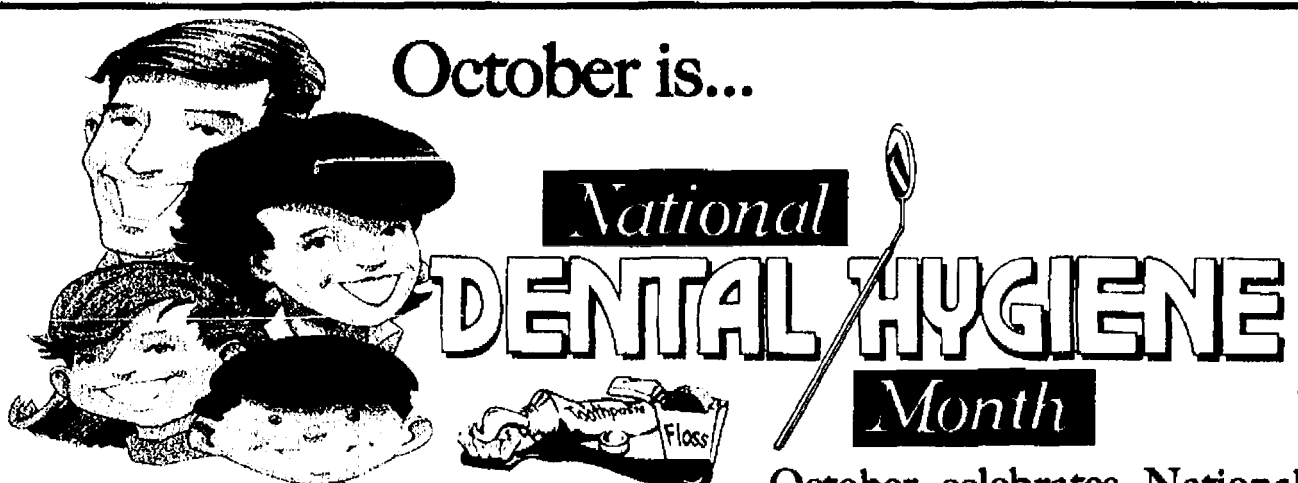
Quarterback Zach Wolcott completed four of eight passes for

104 yards and two touchdowns. Jordan Helsel had two catches for 97 yards and two touchdowns for the Vikings.

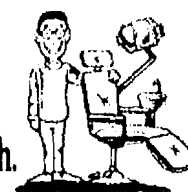
The game ended with 4:00 remaining in the second quarter due to weather conditions.

"The team played with a lot more intensity this week. It's too bad we couldn't have finished this game," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

The Vikings finished their 2007 season with a record of 2-6-1.



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JV, varsity squads fall to TCSF 2-1, 3-2 in volleyball series

Varsity Vikings take 2-1 lead with victories in game two and three, but TCSF wins last two

Grayling High School's varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams lost closely-contested battles against the Traverse City St.

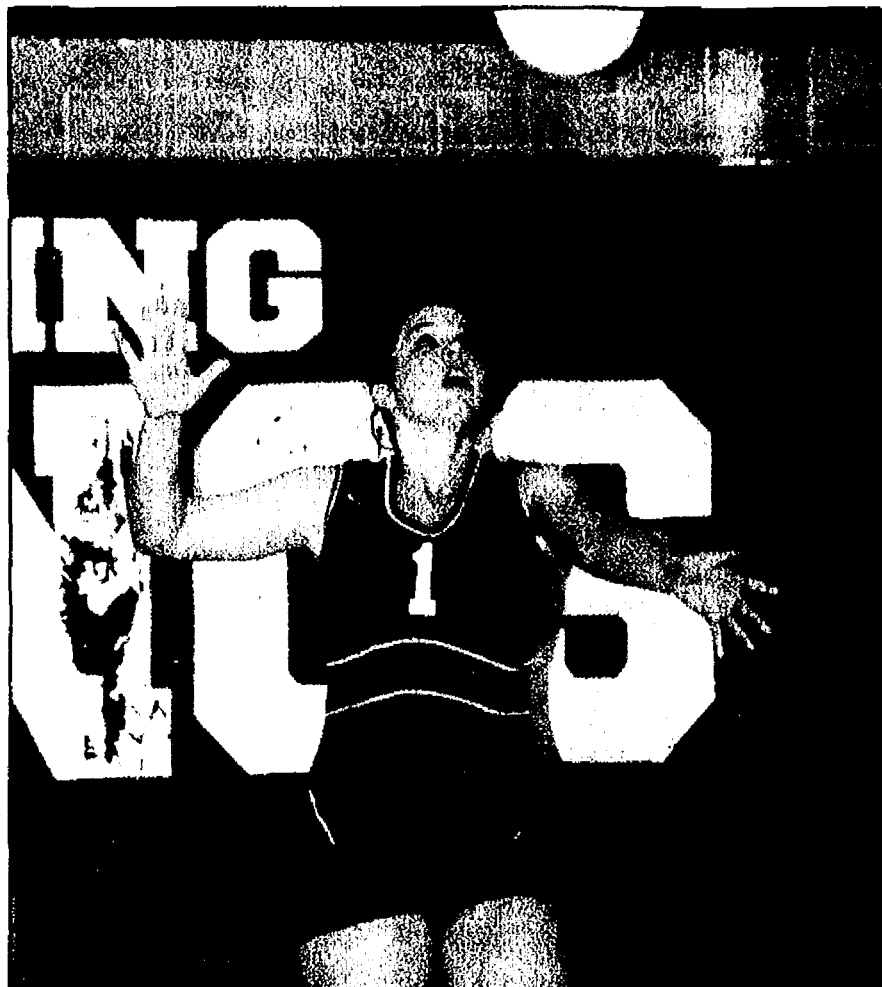
Francis Gladiators last Thursday at GHS.

In the JV match, Traverse City St. Francis won the first game of the meet 25-19. Grayling tied the best of three series at 1-1 with a 25-23 victory in game two. TCSF won the third game 25-22 to win the meet two games to one.

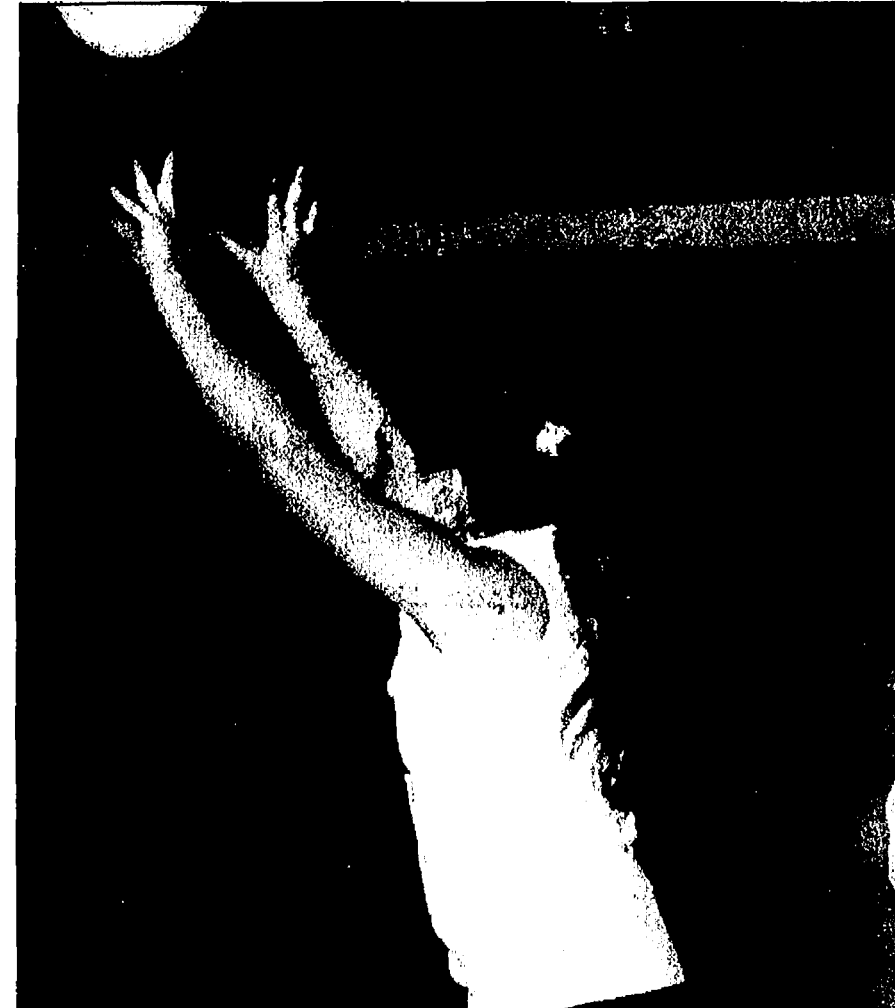
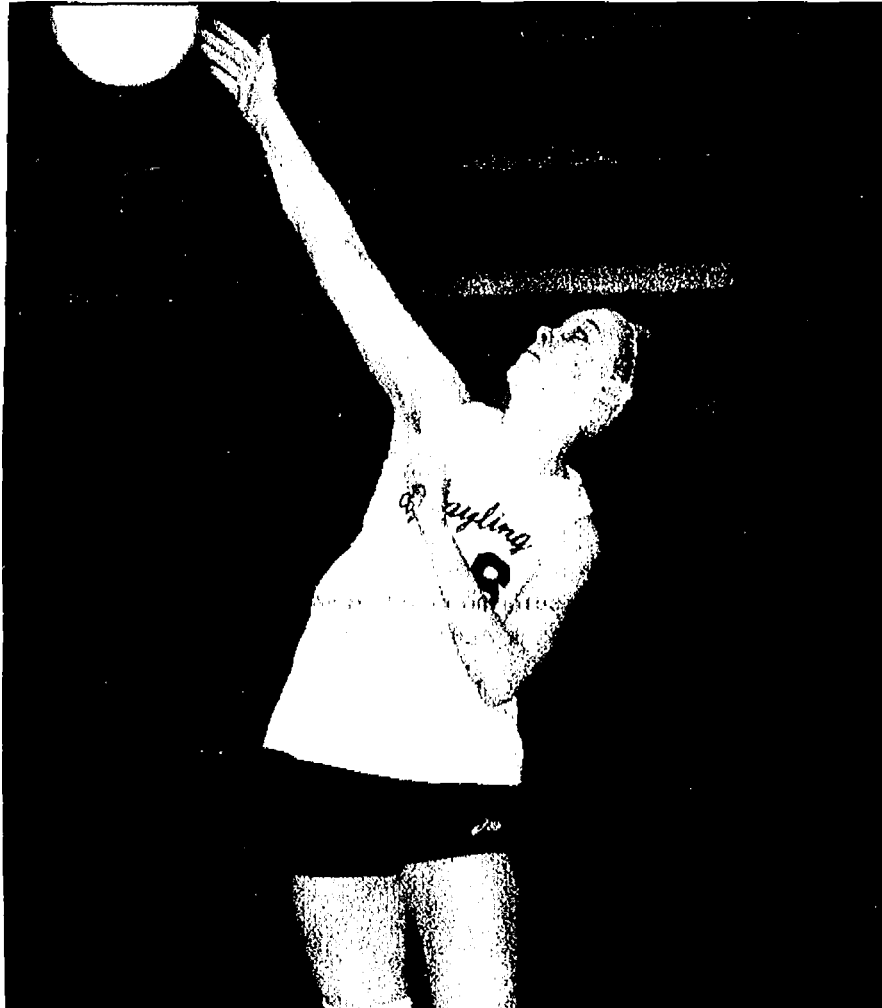
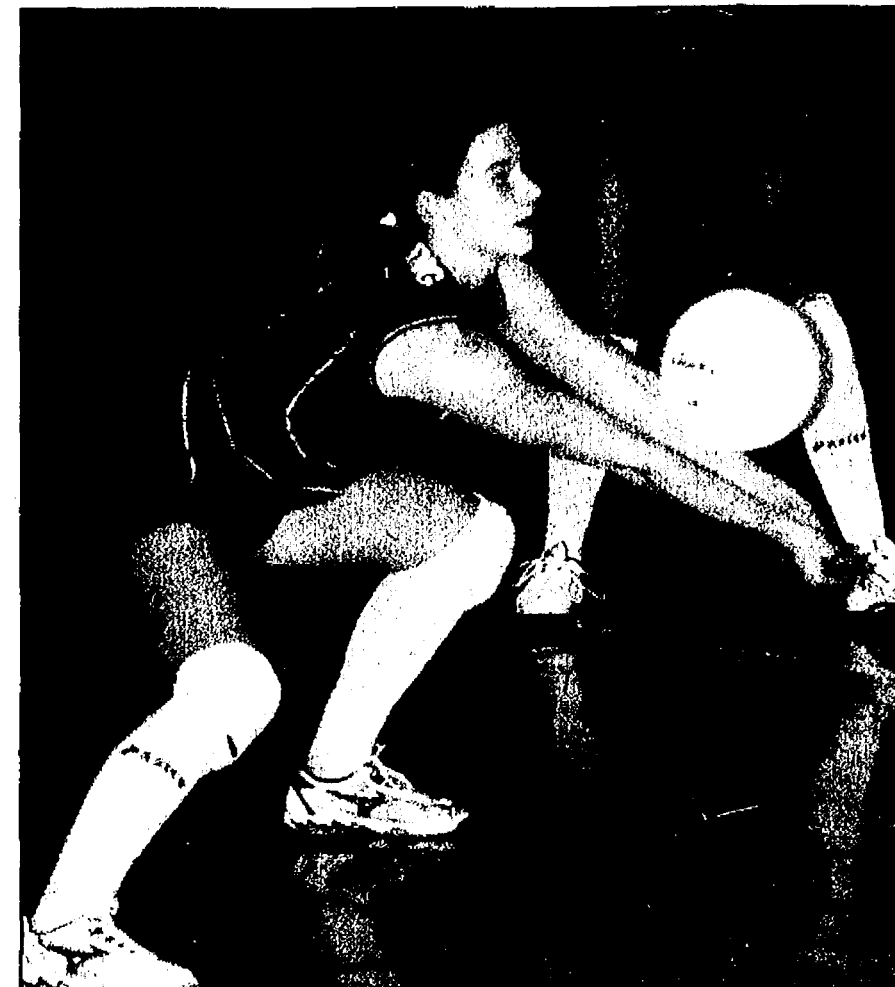
In the varsity series, the Gladiators won the first game of the best of five series 25-14. Grayling took a 2-1 lead in the meet by winning games two and three (25-21, 25-23). Traverse City St. Francis tied the series at 2-2 with a 25-18 victory in game four. The Gladiators ended the

match with a 15-5 win in game five.

The GHS varsity squad will compete in the District 63-B tournament at Roscommon on Saturday, Nov. 3. The JV volleyball team will compete in a tournament at Gaylord on Saturday, Oct. 27.



(Left) Jessie Baker serves for Grayling High School's varsity volleyball squad vs. TCSF last Thursday at GHS. (Right) Rachel Ward hits a ball for the Vikings during the meet against the Gladiators last week.



(Left) Chynna Williamson serves for the Vikings during last Thursday's JV volleyball meet against Traverse City St. Francis. (Right) Suzanne Hause sets a ball for Grayling on Thursday night.

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9th grade team wins two meets

Vikings defeat Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis in series held at GHS

The Vikings of Grayling High School won both of their fresh-

man volleyball meets last week.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the Vikings won a best of three series vs. Boyne City 2-0 (25-6, 25-12) at GHS.

"The girls did a great job playing defense and covering the block. We have been working really hard this year on defensive movement and it really showed tonight. Megan Reichelderfer, Carlie Money, Olivia Peters, and Teresa Schreiber did an excellent job passing the ball," Coach Brooke Laurent said.

Carlie Money had 7 serves and 3 aces, Rebecca Money had 5 serves and 3 aces, Katie Money

had 3 serves and 3 aces, Olivia Peters had 7 serves and 4 aces, and Haley Wiseman had 7 serves and 3 aces.

"Richelle Grosskopf and Jordan Stephan were strong hitters from the front row," Coach Laurent said.

On Thursday, Oct. 18, Grayling won a home meet vs. Traverse City St. Francis 2-1. TCSF took the first game of the series 25-17. Grayling won the next two games (25-13, 25-15).

"This was parents night and the last home game of the year and the girls played awesome," Coach Laurent said. "They had

energy on and off the court and really stepped up their playing performance. We lost to Traverse City away, so this was a huge win for our team."

"Jordan Stephan and Olivia Peters had a great game. Olivia had a strong serving and passing game. Jordan was aggressive from the middle and worked really hard at transitioning off the net. Carlie Money earned the hustle award for the evening. She was everywhere and played with heart," Coach Laurent said.

Grayling (10-6) will compete in the Gaylord Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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Olivia Peters (left) and Cassie Carter (right) serve for Grayling's freshman volleyball team vs. Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Todd A. Gabriel and Kary J. Gabriel, Husband and Wife to Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2006 and recorded February 13, 2006 in Liber 679 Page 825 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD3, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Five Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$313,405.77) including interest 8.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 4 West Commonly known as 6300 North Weaver Road, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: OCTOBER 5, 2007 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD3, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Pustelov & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-79866 ASAP# 913968 10/11/2007, 10/18/2007, 10/25/2007, 11/01/2007 -11-18-25-1

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE (CRAWFORD COUNTY)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joellen Ventline, a single woman to Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee, dated May 1, 2003 and recorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 203, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four and 73/100 Dollars (\$39,974.73).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt

secured by said mortgage or any part thereof Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 14.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: Premises situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan, and are described as follows:

The East one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 3, Township 25 North, Range 4 West, as recorded in the Crawford County Records.

Tax ID: 051-003-003-035-00
C/K/A: 8300 West Beaver Road

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 17, 2007

Sterling Mortgage & Investment Co., Mortgagee

Law Offices of Eden J. Allvin, Attorney
31333 West Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 209
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
(248) 855-2550

-27-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joanna Cottenham, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 13, 2006, and recorded on July 21, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 430, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Six And 39/100 Dollars (\$92,706.39), including interest at 9.59% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 14, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, White Pine Estates, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 30, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 11, 2007

For more information, please call:
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-11-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James J. Bryan a married man and Dawn C. Bryan a married woman, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 4, 2004, and recorded on

February 10, 2004 in Liber 666 on Page 241, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Forty-Eight And 98/100 Dollars (\$151,048.98), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, more fully described as: Commencing to the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 660.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds East along said East line, 330.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds West parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said Section, 1525.33 feet to the Easterly right of way line of interstate Highway 75; thence Southerly, along said right of way, 88.14 feet, along the arc of 5614.65 radius curve to the left, the long chord of which is South 8 degrees 37 minutes 14 seconds East 88.14 feet; thence South 9 degrees 04 minutes 13 seconds East, along said right of way, 247.84 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds East, parallel with the East-West 1/4 line of said Section, 1472.99 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 4, 2007

For more information, please call:
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-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeanine K. Rossio, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2007 and recorded March 13, 2007 in Liber 685, Page 684, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 66/100 Dollars (\$90,211.66) including interest at 5.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel Number 7: A parcel of land being apart of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 18, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 18; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds East, along the East line of said Section 18, 1,980.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds East, along said East line 309.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 21 minutes 10 seconds West, 1,562.33 feet to the Easterly right of way line of Interstate Highway 75; thence Southerly, along said right of way, 270.48 feet, along the arc of 5614.65 radius curve to the left, the long chord of which is South 03 degrees 21 minutes 36 seconds West 270.46 feet; thence South 87 degrees 55 minutes 56 seconds East, parallel with the East-West one-quarter line of said Section 18, 1,579.09 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 4, 2007

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-4-11-18-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jessica M. Finnegan a Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2007, and recorded on March 19, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 724, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four And 97/100 Dollars (\$78,344.97), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given

that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 10, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 4, 2007

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-4-11-18-25

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tina Gilbee, a single woman, to First Franklin, a division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated April 8, 2005 and recorded April 12, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 926, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2005-FFH1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Eleven and 12/100 Dollars (\$61,511.12) including interest at 11.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point which is 15 rods North of the Southwest corner of the North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, thence North 10 rods, thence East 32 rods, thence South 10 rods, thence West 32 rods to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 4, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Morrow II, a single man, to Bank Of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2002 and recorded November 4, 2002 in Liber 605, Page 354, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Washington Mutual Bank by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 66/100 Dollars (\$33,865.66) including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 21, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 44, Assessor's Plat of Switzerville, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of plats, Page 31, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 18, 2007

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-18-25-18

CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE BOARD POSITIONS

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY RESTORATION PROJECT. MEMBERS MUST HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD THAT SUCCESS OTHER THAN SIMPLY ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. TO EXPERIENCE WITH FUND RAISING AND, IDEALLY, HAVE GRANT SEEKING ABILITIES.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A COUNTY RESIDENT BUT MUST PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007 AT 12:00 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON-LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
OCTOBER 17, 2007

CRAWFORD COUNTY GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD POSITION

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO HELP FACILITATE PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES IN CRAWFORD COUNTY AS WELL AS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN HANSON HILLS RECREATION AREA AND WINTER SPORTS PARK AND THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007 AT 12:00 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON-LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
OCT. 17, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sheri Marie West, a married woman and Randall Keith West, her husband and Edward J. Walker, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 1999, and recorded on June 15, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 01, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen And 79/100 Dollars (\$61,219.79), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 13, of Portage Heights, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 18, 2007
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John M Keir II and Kindra K Keir, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 18, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 474, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Nine And 86/100 Dollars (\$82,409.86), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 28, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 5 and the West 25 feet of Lot 4, Clough's Highland Acres, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 66, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 25, 2007
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made by Steve P. Gaspar and Winnifred K. Gaspar, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, A California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 3, 2002, and recorded on December 11, 2002 in Liber 611 on Page 386, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred One And 47/100 Dollars (\$97,701.47), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Fractional Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 28 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 18, 2007
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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-18-25-1-8

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey A Greiser an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 2, 2005, and recorded on June 9, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 856, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six And 93/100 Dollars (\$104,846.93), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 28, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, Northwest Village No. 1, Township of

South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 47 and 48, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 25, 2007
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-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ralph J. Sheppard and Ann H. Sheppard, husband and wife, to Oak Street Mortgage LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 2003 and recorded March 18, 2003 in Liber 623, Page 625, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. successor merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine and 08/100 Dollars (\$81,339.08) including interest at 6.8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 28, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The North one-half of the South one-half of the North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West. Included is a right of ingress and egress over the existing trial road from the Northwestern corner of the herein described premises Northerly to the County Road.

Being the same property conveyed to Ralph J. Sheppard and Ann H. Sheppard, husband and wife by Deed dated 10-19-92 and recorded 12-19-92 in Deed Book 349, Page 403, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 25, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 201.7055

-25-1-8-15

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clarence I. Lamotte, an unmarried man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2006 and recorded August 7, 2006 in Liber 682, Page 695, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen and 57/100 Dollars (\$247,414.57) including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front

door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

A part of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 12 and running thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes East on the South line of Section 12, 1829 feet; thence North 2 degrees 00 minutes East along the center of the county road 1096 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes East 500.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes East 192 feet; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes East 543.5 feet, more or less to the bank of the Ausable River; thence Westerly and upstream along said river 200 feet; thence South 1 degree 30 minutes West 510 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Said description contains 2.33 acres, approximately, this conveyance is subject to and includes the use of an easement for roadway purposes over a strip of land 20 feet in the width lying North of, parallel to and contiguous to the Southerly line of this description and extending Westerly to the county road in the extension of the Southerly line in this description across land owned by the grantors in the Warranty Deed recorded in Liber 69, Page 317.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 11, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 285.2368

11-18-25-1

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle R. Charters and Joseph J. Puszczynski, a single man, to Residential Loan Centers of America, Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2005 and recorded March 3, 2005 in Liber 674, Page 15, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., successor by merger with Long Beach Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four and 17/100

Dollars (\$107,184.17) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 14, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 36, Shangri-La Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats, Pages 03-04, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 11, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 362.2051

11-18-25-1

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ann M. Patterson, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 2005 and recorded December 22, 2005 in Liber 679, Page 138, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One and 70/100 Dollars (\$64,851.70) including interest at 9.85% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 7 and 8, Harting Pines Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 45, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 11, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 231.5351

11-18-25-1

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Angela C. Thompson and Christopher M. Thompson, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated March 30, 2007 and recorded on April 3, 2007 in Liber 685 page 952, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$15,280.41.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.94 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel F: Being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T25N, (Previously recorded as T27N) R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, commencing at the NE corner of Section 4, T25N, R3W; thence S1° 24' 42" West along the East Section line 746.47 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing S1° 24' 42" West 415.47 feet North 89° 59' 06" West 1317.99 feet; thence N1° 22' 33" East along the East 1/8 line 410.36 feet; thence North 89° 47' 36" East 1318.38 feet to the point of beginning. Including a mobile home year, make, and model unknown.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Date: September 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794, East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617

11-18-25

CITY OF GRAYLING ELECTION NOTICE

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Grayling,
County of Crawford, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE GRAYLING CITY HALL, 1020 CITY BOULEVARD ON

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

From 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of voting for the election of the following officers

3 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

4 Year Term

All registered voters of the City of Grayling will be permitted to vote.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Applications for absentee ballots are being received

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MICHIGAN NEWS INFORMATION, INC.
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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
October 25, 1984

Brett Stockton of Grayling, and his partner Bruce Barton of Homer, finished first in a United States Canoe Association sanctioned race in Indianapolis. Stockton and Barton beat the second place team of Olympic bronze medal winner Greg Barton and his partner by more than three minutes over the one and half hour race.

Riley McNamara, a GHS senior, received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp. for his outstanding success on one of the national achievement tests. McNamara's score placed him in the top five percent nationwide among more than one million participating students.

Lisa Mier, Josh Woodland, Dawn Bouse, Laurie Mier, Andrea Flowers, Scott Nicholas, Tim Pernie, Kristen Walker, Roy Davis, Betty Partello, Sean Hess, Toye Sheldon, Colleen Felver, Joell Schans, Robert Dixon and Chris Bindschattel were all chosen as students of the month for Grayling Middle School.

In Grayling girls basketball, the green machine chewed up another opponent, devouring Petoskey here 60-25. Viking center Kris Laudenslager once again led the scoring attack with 18 points. Michelle Barber hit for 13 and Audra Small added 12, as

Grayling rolled to a 11-1 season mark. Grayling leads the Michigan Huron Shores Conference with an 8-0 mark, but face five road trips in the remaining six league games.

46 Years Ago
October 26, 1961

The Grayling junior varsity football squad, under their coach Fraser Dean, marched to a 48-0 victory over Kalkaska.

At the Monday night meeting of the Kiwanis Club at the Chief Shoppenagons Motor Hotel, a discussion was held on the club's upcoming pancake and sausage dinner and the auction sale.

The annual Halloween party at the Grayling public school will start off with a parade at 1:30 p.m., on Oct. 31. The costumed children will be led downtown by the band. Kindergarten children through sixth graders will participate.

The Frederic Eagles football team lost a heart breaker game at Central Lake last Friday night as they were edged in the final 30 seconds 18 - 13. The Frederic team played very much improved ball and would have come home with a victory except for some mixups by the officials.

Blacktopping of the Power Dam Road off M-72 west of Grayling was expected to be completed sometime this week.

Bert Confer is in charge of work that has begun on the

rebuilding of the Sanderson Cottage at Camp Whippoorwill which was damaged by fire earlier this summer.

The Grayling High School band has been very busy these last weeks. Thursday, Oct. 12, they led the snake dance which annually precedes the homecoming football game. Friday, Oct. 3, the band led the auto show and the float parade. Three new members have been admitted to the band. They are Richard Strings, trombone, Elva Ward, clarinet, and Christine Carlson, drums. Every home football game, when the band marches, there is a contest to see which ranks look the neatest and which individuals march the best. At the homecoming game, Walter Neilson was chosen the best color guard, Julie Carlson the best majorette, the best boy marcher was Pat Buron and the best girl marcher was Linda Knibbs, and best rank, flutes.

Local students Donald Plagens and Robert W. Strong, were among 391 students of Central Michigan University named on the scholastic honors list for the second semester.

69 Years Ago
October 27, 1938

At the Teachers Institute held Oct. 13-14 in Saginaw, Miss Eleanor Tumath, local home economics teacher, had the honor of being elected chairman of the home economics division for the coming year. This is an honor of which the school and the community of Grayling will be proud.

Norman Dawson has been managing the A&P Store in Kalkaska for the past three weeks, due to the manager there being ill. Mrs. Dawson and his little son left Monday to remain there with him.

Jerry LaMotte will hold a house-building bee at his home in Beaver Creek next Sunday. He says everyone is invited and to bring their own tools.

Frank D. Bridges has erected a building on his property on US-27 near the Moshier Garage and is opening a grocery store to be known as Frank's Grocery. He expects to be open for business on Oct. 28.

92 Years Ago
October 28, 1915

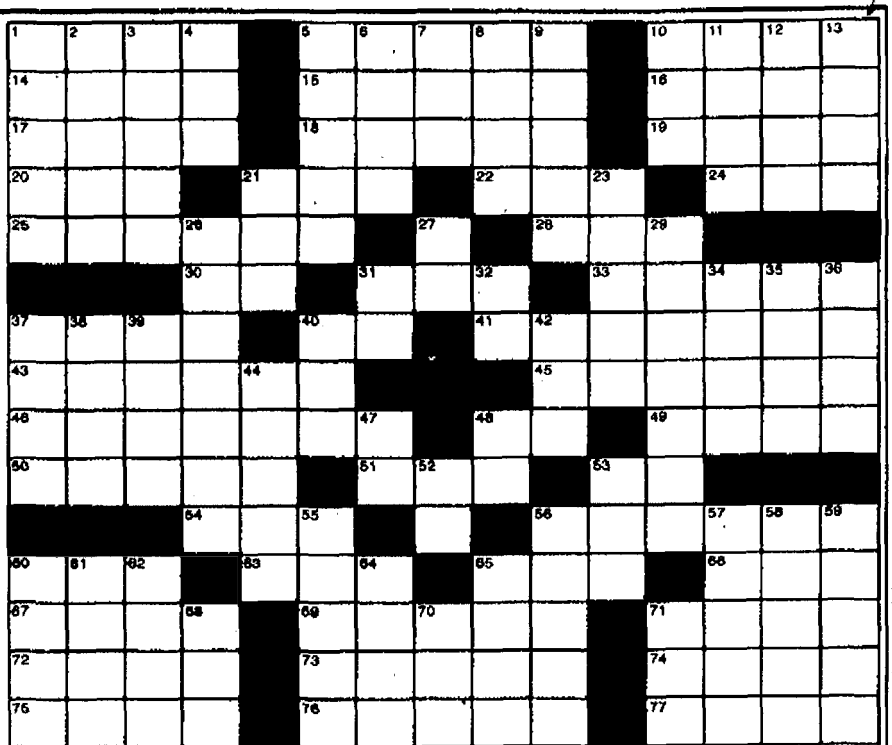
Pete Hanson and Chris Jensen were the chosen delegates who attended the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge in Bay City last week.

Nels Corwin, Chris Lechty, Torry Homerich and Edward Lather drove to Traverse City Saturday evening in Mr. Corwin's Ford car, making the trip in two hours and 50 minutes. They returned Sunday evening.

Grant Shaw caught another bear in a bear trap Sunday. This one was not quite as large as the one he caught the previous week.

Harvey Burrows, who has been employed as a meat cutter in Milk's Market for some time, resigned his position this week and has accepted a position with the Armour Company of Chicago.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Digestive juice secreted by the liver.
 5. Hanging loosely.
 10. Small town near the head of Annesley Bay on the African coast of the Red Sea.
 14. Material effigy worshipped as a god.
 15. Bearing in mind.
 16. Acronym for East Riding Archaeological Society.
 17. Monica J. ... voice actress for ADV Films.
 18. Clear yellowish fluid obtained upon separating whole blood into solid and liquid components after it has been allowed to clot.
 19. Line along the sidewall of a building formed by the intersection of the plane of the roof and the plane of the wall.
 20. Arthurian legend king of Lothian.
 21. Improve the condition of.
 22. Babylonian god of the earth.
 24. Coenzyme present in most living cells and derived from the B vitamin nicotinic acid.
 25. Motivation based on ideas of right and wrong.
 28. Bother persistently with trivial complaints.
 30. Person speaking.
 31. Platform surrounding the head of a lower mast.
 33. Space.
 37. Device to hurt clay pigeons into the air for trap shooters.
 40. Subsequently.
 41. Native of Israel.
 43. Expose to fresh air.
 45. Pertaining to the stars.
 46. Hidden.
 48. Highly unstable radioactive element.
 49. Acronym for Highly Advanced Materializing Equipment.
 50. Nickel-brass coin and monetary unit of Lesotho.
 51. Acronym for Organic Brain Syndrome.
 53. Expression of greeting.
 54. Acronym for Car Roading Warriors.
 56. Practitioner of wicca.
 60. Acronym for Transport Express Régional.
 63. Roused to anger.
 65. Small drink.
 66. Monk of Goguryeo believed to have initiated the construction of Jikjisa temple in Gyeongsangbuk-do, South Korea.
 67. Again but in a different way.
 69. Seamount of volcanic origin in the Pacific Ocean.
 71. Edible, starchy tuberous root of taro plants.
 72. Cancel an action.
 73. Order by virtue of superior authority.
 74. Prolonged period of time.
 75. Specific piece of work required to be done as a duty.
 76. Pay back.
 77. English monk and scholar.
- Down
1. Cause a floating log to rotate by treading.
 2. Person of subnormal intelligence.
 3. Unwillingness to do something contrary to custom.
 4. Extension at the end and at right angles to the main building.
 5. Most important part of something.
 6. Inspired by a fearful wonderment.
 7. Primitive prehistoric North American fish covered with hard scales and having long jaws with needle-like teeth.
 8. Soft, thick wormlike larva of certain beetles.
 9. Republic on the southwestern shores of the Arabian Peninsula on the Indian Ocean.
 10. Tappan ... Bridge, cantilever bridge across the Hudson River.
 11. City and a municipal council near Mumbai in the Indian state of Maharashtra.
 12. Small hamlet in the state of West Bengal, India.
 13. Acronym for Avoiding Syntax Error Disaster.
 21. Striker.
 23. Dwellings of wild animals.
 26. Painting with pigment so thick the palette knife marks show.
 27. Board game in which the object is to surround and capture the opponent's counters.
 29. Pertaining to the jaw.
 31. For the purpose of doing something.
 32. Ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle.
 34. Saint Philip ... founder of the Congregation of the Oratory.
 35. Ancient country in southwestern Asia east of the Tigris River.
 36. Make turbid by stirring up the sediments of.
 37. Small ornamental goblet.
 38. Pierced plate on an astrolabe, having projections whose points correspond to the fixed stars.
 39. Descendant of Sir the Horle in the Bible.
 40. Obscene.
 42. Sanskrit adjective meaning "real, being, existing."
 44. Quantity of heat equal to 100,000 Btu.
 47. Uproarious party.
 48. Bronze coin used during the Roman Republic and Roman Empire.
 52. Light, strong toxic brittle gray bivalent metallic element.
 53. Informed about the latest trends.
 55. Money risked on a gamble.
 56. Combining clever conception and facetious expression.
 57. Ask for and get free.
 58. Combined to increase in size.
 59. Loop formed in a rope by means of a slipknot that binds tighter as the rope is pulled.
 60. Tight.
 61. Town was called Castrogiovanni until 1927.
 62. 1981 Warren Beatty film.
 64. First bestselling hardcover science fiction novel.
 65. Style of music, originating in the West Indies and blending soul and calypso.
 68. Pan with a convex bottom used for frying in Chinese cooking.
 70. Bark in a high-pitched tone.
 71. Acronym for Educational Activities Board.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

California Triple Cheese Grill

1 tablespoon unsalted butter
3 slices herb bread (approximately 1/2-inch thick)
2 teaspoons dijon mustard
2 slices (1 ounce) cheddar cheese
1 ounce thinly sliced ham

2 slices (1 ounce) Monterey Jack cheese
4 large basil leaves (optional)
1/2 tomato, sliced
2 slices (1 ounce) pesto or jalapeño cheese

Melt butter in small pan. Brush a little butter on both sides of one slice of bread and press in a non-stick sauté pan over medium-high heat, turning once to grill both sides. (This will become the middle layer of the sandwich.) Spread one teaspoon of mustard on bottom slice of bread (not grilled piece.) Place one slice of cheddar cheese on top. Cover with sliced ham. Place one slice of Monterey Jack on top and cover with the grilled slice of bread. Place one slice of cheddar cheese on top of grilled slice. Top with basil leaves, if using, and tomato slices. Cover tomatoes with two slices of pesto or jalapeño cheese, and one slice Monterey Jack. Spread one teaspoon mustard on bottom of top slice and place on sandwich. Brush remaining melted butter on bottom and top of sandwich and fry over medium-high heat until golden and cheeses are melted. Cut in half and secure each half with a toothpick. Serve warm.

Yields: 1 Large Sandwich

Life Widdling

CONNECT the dots

15 Start Here

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

FIERCE	GRISLY	MACABRE
GHASTLY	GROTESQUE	MORRID
GORY	HIDEOUS	SAVAGE
GRIM	HORRIFIC	SCARY

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

G O R G R I S L Y E
E D R H I D E O U S
T I S A V A G E Y U
I B G S F I E R C E
G R O T E S Q U E R
R O R L S C A E Y B
I M Y Y M O R B R A
M G R O T E S Q A C
E H O R R I F I C A
H I D E U S W M S M

MAZE

Find the spider.

Start Here

ADOPT A PET

Crush

Crush is the man of the hour at the shelter. This guy is a real ham. He so enjoys the company of the dogs that he spends a little time each morning trying to figure out how to sneak into the kennels to play with his pals. I think that Crush would like to grow up to be a beagle.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.assc.petfinder.com

HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 25, 2007

 CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 A storm is brewing at home. Sit tight, Capricorn, and wait for it to pass. Do not get involved, or you could face a surge of anger. A relationship deepens.	 ARIES March 21-April 19 Happy, happy Aries. You're in a good mood this week, but your family is not. Throw a party and do your best to cheer them up. Happiness is contagious.	 CANCER June 22-July 22 Oh no, Cancer. Instead of facing what has happened, a young pal tries to run away. Reach out to them and help them make the right decision.	 LIBRA September 23-October 22 It's high time you took the initiative at work and moved everything forward. You've waited long enough for others to take charge. Go, Libra, go!
 AQUARIUS January 20-February 18 In a quandary, Aquarius? Think with your heart, and you will suffer. Think with your head, and you will succeed. Your finances begin to look up with a small windfall.	 TAURUS April 20-May 20 Emotions are running high at work. Keep to yourself, Taurus, and work to maintain a low profile. A financial asset turns out to be more valuable than thought.	 LEO July 23-August 22 Greed gets the best of everyone at home. Rather than tell them so, Leo, you might want to show them so. Sometimes action speaks louder than words.	 SCORPIO October 23-November 21 Need an objective opinion, Scorpio? Look to someone in your inner circle. They have your best interest at heart. A health issue is rectified quickly. Celebrate with a good meal.
 PISCES February 19-March 20 It's getting very difficult to tell fact from fiction at home. Reel with the punches, Pisces, and let things work out on their own. A business relationship requires extra attention.	 GEMINI May 21-June 21 Darn, Gemini. In spite of your best efforts, you lose it with a friend. Don't beat yourself up about it. Everyone gets angry now and then. Sack it up and push forward.	 VIRGO August 23-September 22 Tough, tough Virgo. You're so much stronger than you look. That will come in handy this week as you are pulled into a dilemma. A vacation destination becomes clear.	 SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21 A plea is made at home. Stand back, Sagittarius, and let someone else come to the rescue. You do not have the goods to get the job done right.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Precip. Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
10/17	64	48	0.26							
10/18	72	56	0.42	High 58	High 56	High 49	High 45	High 50	High 54	
10/19	58	49	0.18	Low 41	Low 44	Low 35	Low 28	Low 36	Low 35	
10/20	62	49	0							
10/21	74	54	0							
10/22	60	42	0.21	Partly Cloudy	Showers	Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

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2. For Rent

NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-11-18-25/2)

ONE BEDROOM IN TOWN \$400/month, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1619. (8/9/07/f/2)

PRIVATE FRIENDLY ROOM Storage, share kitchen, bath, my home. M-72. Only \$220 monthly. 989-348-7506. (-25/2)

FOR RENT UPPER DUPLEX 3 bedrooms, new bathroom. \$500 per month, \$500 security deposit, plus utilities. 989-348-2466. (10/25/07/f/2)

BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN fully furnished 3 bedroom home just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available immediately. \$625 per month, no pets, non smoking. Call 231-218-8529. (-18-25-1/2)

WAREHOUSE SPACE 1,200 sq. ft. for lease in the Industrial Park. 989-348-6460. (9/27/07/f/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom home on 5 acres. \$550 per month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit. Call after noon 989-821-6297. (-25-1/2)

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX Includes lawn care, trash pick up & snowplowing. No smoking. \$395. 808 A Park Street. 989-348-2178. (9/27/07/f/2)

FOR RENT 2 BR home on the Manistee River. Freshly remodeled, beautiful views, garage, partial basement, storage building. No smoking. Available November 14th. \$650/month + \$650 security deposit. Contact Craig Hinkle for application at 989-348-7440. (-18-25-1-8/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM with shed references and security deposit required. \$400 a month, no pets, 989-348-8386. (-4-11-18-25/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM with garage, 5 miles east of Grayling. Security deposit, references required, no pets, \$450 a month 989-348-8386. (-4-11-18-25/2)

FOR RENT nice 2 bedroom in the city. Washer and dryer, \$550 a month, \$550 security. Please call 989-348-2466. (10/11/07/f/2)

TWO BEDROOM apartment located in town utilities included, \$650 per month. Call 710-1194 or 370-2745. (-18-25/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX appliances, heat, garage \$650 a month 989-390-0027. (10/18/07/f/2)

HOME FOR RENT three bedroom, 2 bath, security deposit, utilities, no pets 989-348-8621. (-18-25/2)

COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE

900 sq. ft.
Great location,
private bath, air.

Get in on the ground floor!
989-348-6528

2. For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT Partially furnished 3 bedroom 2 bath close to 75. Utilities included, garbage pickup, plow-lawn \$800 monthly + security 989-344-0309. (-18-25-1-8/2)

VERY NICE HOUSE for rent two bedrooms, 1 bath, full basement, washer, dryer, storage shed, across from state land \$450 a month plus security 231-275-3138 leave message. (-25/2)

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3. Employment

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OFFICE MANAGER Recreational business in Grayling, MI is seeking an Office Manager with 3-5 years experience. Responsible for day-to-day functions including; accounts receivable, accounts payable, bank reconciliation, quotes, correspondence, and spreadsheets. Must be proficient with QuickBooks Pro, Microsoft Word and Excel. Strong customer service skills required. Must have valid driver's license. Part-time 20-30 hrs per week, with some Saturday work. Potential to become full-time. Fax resume to 989-348-8367 or e-mail to mavrick_67us@yahoo.com. (-4-11-18-25/3)

2. For Rent

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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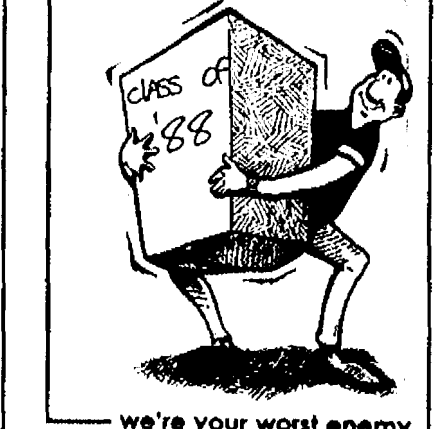
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8. Announcements

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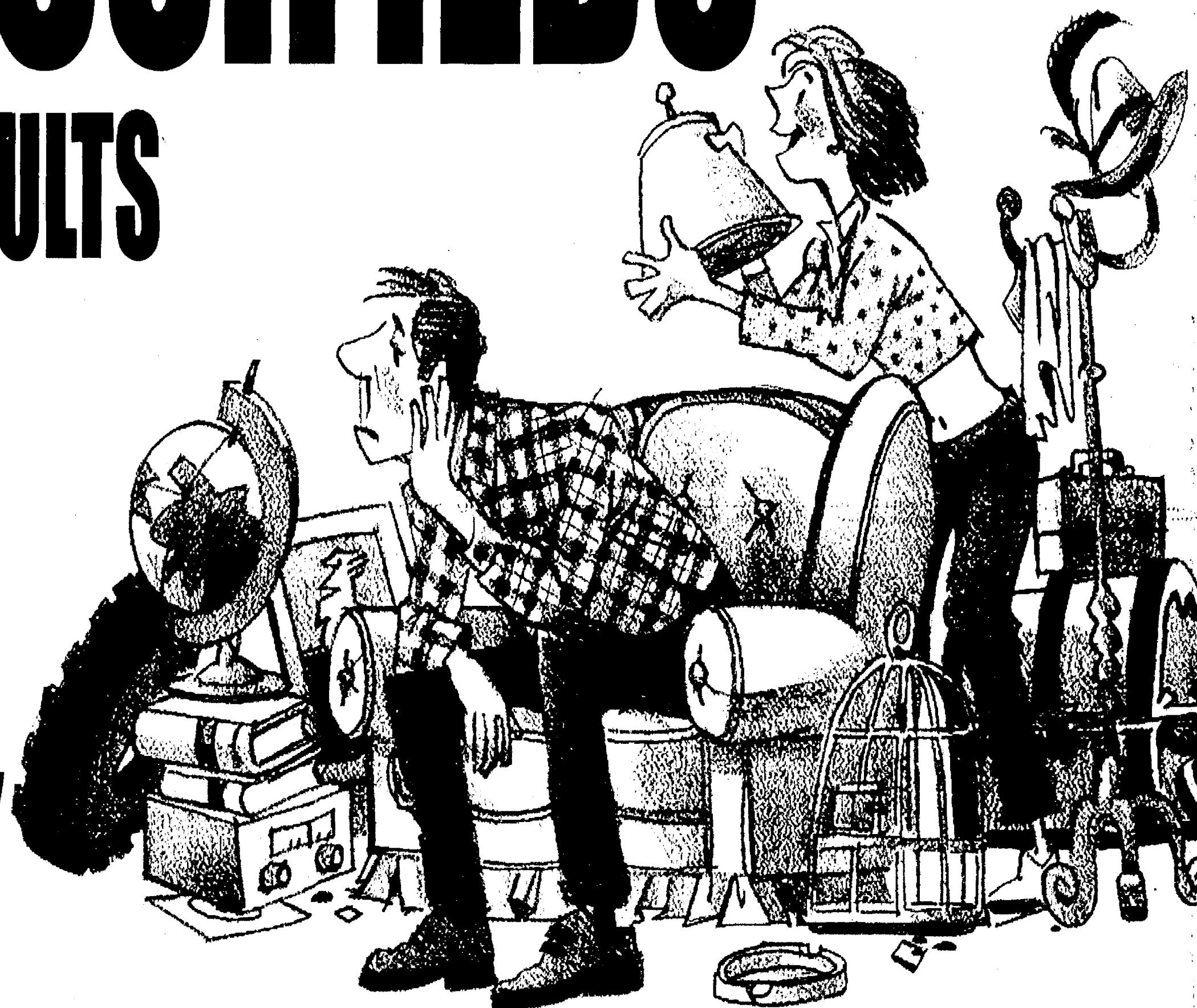
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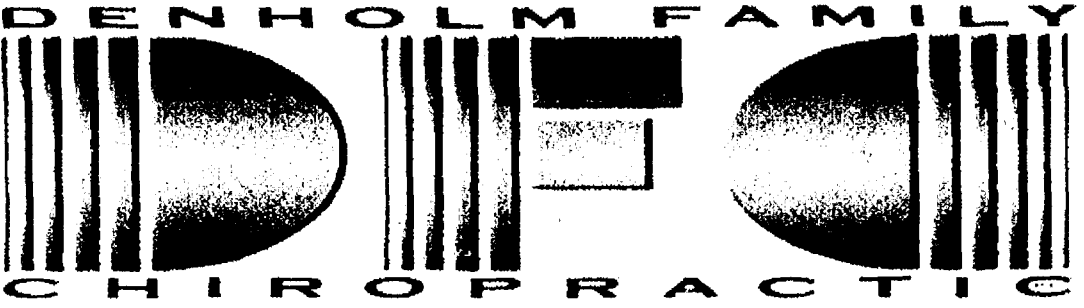
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A personal health record can benefit everyone

(ARA) — A personal health record (PHR) is more than just a compilation of your medical records. While medical records are created and maintained by doctors, hospitals or other healthcare providers, a PHR is created and maintained by you. It is an ongoing, personalized compilation of important personal and health related information about you or someone you're caring for.

"Many people think that if they're healthy they don't need a personal health record," says Denise Pozen, attorney and creator of So Tell Me... personal health organizers. "But a PHR can be beneficial to almost everyone, regardless of their health. Personal health records should contain four types of information: Personal — such as name, address, contact information; medical — doctor visits, ER visits, diagnostic tests and surgeries; medicinal — your prescriptions and supplements; and observational — such as notes from doctor visits, diet or exercise records, reactions to medications, research notes, etc. While medical and medicinal information comes from doctors and pharmacists, personal and observational information has to come from you."

People in the following situations can benefit from keeping a personal health record:

- ICE 1: In case of emergency — The stress of an emergency can make it hard to remember critical information. A PHR will give you the information you need when you need it.
- ICE 2: In case of evacuation — If hurricane, flood or fire forces you to temporarily relocate, you may not be able to visit

your regular doctor. A PHR will provide background information that might otherwise not be available.

- As a backup to your doctors' records — Records can be destroyed by floods, fires, earthquakes, or broken water pipes. Old records can also be destroyed as part of normal file retention policy. A PHR ensures that your historical information will be available.

- If you are a caregiver — You want to focus your attention and energy on the person you care for, rather than trying to remember details of their health history. A PHR will provide the tool to do that.

- If you have a college student — You can avoid those calls or e-mails asking about immunizations and medical histories by adding a PHR to your college student's dorm room accessories.

- If you are a parent — You can track growth and developmental milestones, record immunizations, and keep copies of school and sports physicals.

- If you are newly (or soon to be) wed — Creating a PHR will provide background health and medical information that your spouse might not otherwise know.

- If you are a "snowbird" or have a second home — You may be seeing a doctor in more than one city. Maintaining a PHR will keep each of your doctors up-to-date on your health.

- If you are proactive about your health — A PHR provides a place to record the results of diagnostic tests such as cholesterol levels, mammograms and bone density, as well as information about vitamins and supplements, and diet and exercise.

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To start your PHR, Pozen suggests talking to your healthcare providers (primary care doctor, dentist, eye doctor and specialists) about how you can get pertinent information from your medical records, and asking your pharmacist for information regarding your prescriptions. Then write down emergency contact information and insurance information, and make a copy of any medical directive, preferences or living will.

All the information that makes up a PHR should be centralized and easily accessible. Because not all information is available in electronic format, one or more file folders or a three-ring binder is a good way to store your information. For many, a paper-based system such as the So Tell Me... personal health organizer is the best way to start. The question and answer format and pre-printed tabs and forms make it easy to get started with tracking family history, past and future appointments, medications, tests, treatments and more. (See www.sotellmeorganizer.com for details.)

Once you start your PHR, it is important to keep the information current, make sure others know where it is kept, and take it with you to each new healthcare visit. Whether for a scheduled doctor's visit, or a trip to the Emergency Room for yourself or someone you care for, the more prepared you are and the more easily you can communicate pertinent health information, the more helpful and effective your healthcare visits will be.

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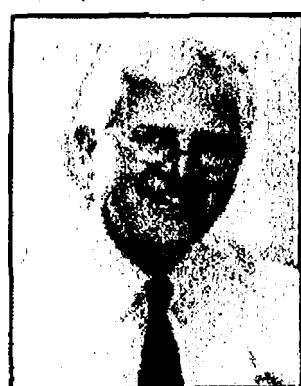
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How to follow a low-sodium diet

(ARA) – If you've recently suffered a heart attack and been told you have heart failure, don't panic. There are simple adjustments you can make in your lifestyle that may help you feel and do better.

For example, your doctor likely advised you to cut back on your sodium (salt) intake and here's why. Heart failure causes the body to hold on to extra sodium, which in turn causes extra fluid to build up in your body. The extra fluid makes your heart work harder, which is not a good thing for a muscle already under strain.

Cutting back on sodium is admittedly a challenge because sodium is everywhere. The typical American diet has more salt in it than you may think. Processed foods, like frozen dinners, boxed noodle and rice dishes, canned soups and canned vegetables, are very high in sodium. So, even if you do not add salt while cooking or use a salt shaker at the table, you are probably eating too much.

What can you do to cut back on the sodium? Here are four tips from the Heart Failure Society of America, a non-profit organization of health care professionals and researchers who are dedicated to enhancing quality and the duration of life for patients with heart failure and preventing the condition in those at risk:

1. Stop adding salt to your food.

By simply taking the salt shaker off the table, and stopping the

practice of adding salt to food when cooking, you can cut your sodium intake by as much as 30 percent. Foods with less sodium can still be considered tasty. There are a lot of seasoning options available to spice things up. These include black, cayenne and lemon pepper; fresh herbs like garlic, onion powder, dill, parsley and rosemary; lemon juice; and flavored extracts like vanilla, almond, etc.

2. Adapt preferred foods to low-sodium versions.

There are low-sodium substitutes for many of the foods you like. For example, instead of preparing a country ham, you can make a fresh lean pork roast. Instead of buying lunch meats, which typically contain high amounts of sodium, you can cook fresh chicken, turkey, roast beef or pork without adding salt and then cut it up for sandwiches the next day. If you like soup, instead of buying the canned version, which is high in sodium and preservatives, you can cut up fresh vegetables, put them in a slow cooker and use herbs and spices for seasoning.

Many types of canned vegetables you enjoy are also available in low-sodium versions. Just look for labels that say sodium-free, no-salt, low-sodium, reduced-sodium or unsalted.

3. Pick foods naturally low in sodium.



If you've recently suffered a heart attack and been told you have heart failure, don't panic. There are simple adjustments you can make in your lifestyle that may help you feel and do better.

Generally, you can eat as much fresh food as you want without counting the sodium content. Fresh fruits and vegetables, including freshly squeezed fruit and vegetable juices, have very little sodium. The same is true for fresh meat, poultry and fish.

If you are not eating fresh foods, choose other low-sodium foods as much as possible, such as canned fruits, plain frozen vegeta-

bles and dried beans, peas, rice and lentils.

4. Learn to read food labels.

By reading food labels, you can learn which foods are high and low in sodium. As a rule, most processed foods, whether they are frozen, canned or boxed, are high in sodium, but don't rule them out entirely. Some packaged foods are available in low- or no-salt versions.

It can be difficult to change your eating habits. It may take weeks before you enjoy the taste of low-sodium foods, but your taste buds will adjust. Eventually you may not even miss the salt.

To learn more about heart failure and how to manage your condition, log on to the Heart Failure Society of America's Web site: www.abouthf.org.

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Empty nest syndrome is an emotional condition that every year affects baby boomers as they send the last of their children off to college or out of the home to start their careers.

Boomer empty nesters adding online social networking to recovery options

(ARA) — Your last child is off to their first year in college, and their old car is packed full of clothes, sports gear, pictures and enough books to make their dorm room livable. You and your spouse keep waving until the car turns the corner out of sight and then look at each other as a child-free couple for the first time in perhaps 20 years or more.

After savoring the sense of accomplishment — seeing the children safely through accident-prone childhood, emotionally chaotic adolescence and angst-filled young adulthood — a shadow might begin to darken your emotions. In degrees that can range from mild nostalgia through debilitating depression, the departure of the children

from a family can leave one or both parents coping with the unfamiliar intimacy of a child-free marriage, the loneliness of the loss of children from everyday life and loss of direction as their family roles are upended.

Welcome to empty nest syndrome, an emotional condition that every year affects baby boomers as they send the last of their children off to college or out of the home to start their careers. While some couples celebrate the moment they can once again turn their emotional attention to each other, those who experience some degree of empty nest syndrome are increasingly turning to the Internet for information, advice and commiseration.

For example, at Eons.com, a social networking Web site created for people age 50 and over, blogs and discussion groups about coping with empty nest syndrome abound. Judy Beatty, a 60-year-old consultant in Georgia, created her own blog at Eons.com to discuss her experiences as the last of her three children recently left home.

"For me, Eons was important because the blog I created there gave me an avenue to discuss this, and I was able to connect there with others who shared my feelings," Beatty says. "One woman replied that when she read my blog, it was like she was reading her own thoughts."

Beatty's advice to empty nest sufferers is to "step back, get outside of yourself and turn your attention to other things." While their children were growing up, there was PTA, scouts, karate

practice and chorus to keep the family busy and to provide topics for conversation. Now that Judy and her husband of 37 years, Jerry, are empty nesters, they're turning more of their time to passions like restoring antique cars and beautifying their yard. They're also re-engaging with volunteer groups like their local library and a favorite non-profit group, Habitat For Humanity.

Some additional advice for coping with empty nest syndrome includes:

- Prepare in advance: Even before the kids wave their last good-bye, parents should admit to themselves that they're likely to feel an emotional backlash and give themselves time to adjust.

- Don't shorten the leash: Parents should let the adjustment process take its course and resist the temptation to call their kids too often.

- Take it slow and easy: Parents should resist the temptation to add too many activities and commitments to their lives too soon. Let the adjustment process happen slowly.

- Rekindle the romance: For married empty nesters, there was once a time in their lives when life wasn't always about the kids. Recall those times when it was all about each other, and return to the romance and special moments.

- Cut the clutter: Now that the kids are gone, you can probably find a different use for some of the bedrooms. Take the opportunity to outfit a hobby room, a welcoming library or a music room.

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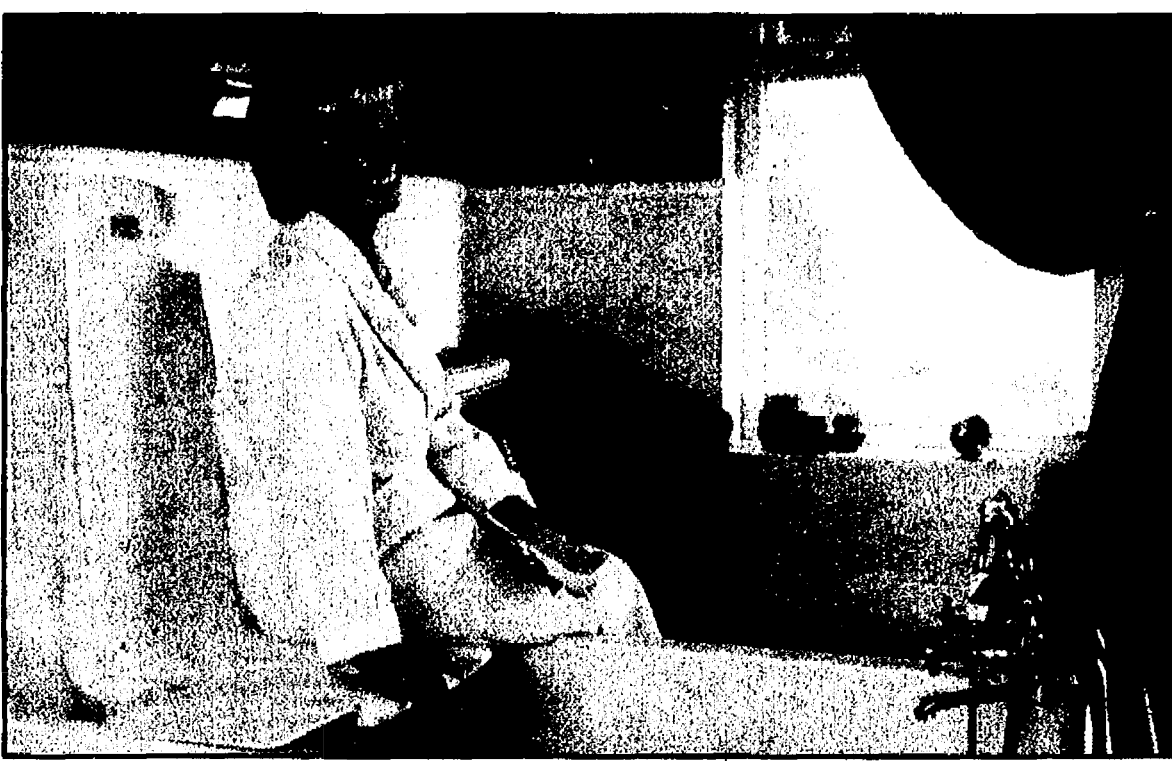
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Senior safety begins in the home

(NewsUSA) — Household accidents can happen at any time and to people of all ages, but the likelihood increases exponentially with age. According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, falls are the leading cause of death and serious injury among Americans age 65 and older. Additionally, two-thirds of those who fall will end up doing so again within six months. So, what can you do to ensure that an older loved one stays safe in both their home and yours?

The following safety tips will keep your older loved ones safe in the home:

- Make sure to keep electric cords and small items out of the high-traffic areas of your home. Vision begins to decline later in life, and it can be easy to stumble over hard-to-spot hazards lying on the floor.
- Because the majority of slips and falls take place in the bathroom and around the tub, efforts to improve safety in this area



Extra safety measures in the home, especially in the bathroom, where the majority of slips and falls take place, are essential for seniors.

should be a primary point of focus.

- All bath mats, rugs and runners should have slip-resistant backing. Periodically lift all rugs and inspect the backing to see whether it needs to be replaced.

- At older ages, we are much more susceptible to burns from hot water. To prevent this, set the temperature of your water heater

below 120 degrees.

- Keep a fire extinguisher handy in the kitchen, and make sure it's easily accessible. Check the gauge every month to make sure the extinguisher is still full, and teach seniors the correct way to use it should a house fire ever occur.

- Check all stair railings, both inside and outside the home, to be sure they are safe and secure.

Lifestyle tips for managing arthritis pain

(NewsUSA) — One out of three adults in the U.S. suffers from arthritis or chronic joint problems, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

Some may get twinges upon awakening; others are so seriously and chronically debilitated that simply driving or washing the dishes causes agony.

Either way, arthritis is a major health problem. Whether you want to prevent contracting the disease or decrease the symptoms if you already have it, here are some steps you can take toward relief:

- Exercise. Regular physical activity strengthens the muscles that support arthritic joints, increases range of motion in the joints and, by reducing body weight, lessens the load the joints must bear.

- Find a hobby. The Arthritis Foundation reports that hobbies can have a positive effect on pain

management by diverting the mind's attention away from physical and psychological pain. In a 2005 study, doctors found that older people with arthritis, who listened to music for 20 minutes daily, had less pain than those who simply sat and did nothing for the same length of time.

- Get more sleep. Inadequate sleep leads to an increase in arthritis pain and to a gain in weight, which stresses the joints even more.

- Eat well. Certain foods may help prevent arthritis or help reduce its symptoms. Specifically, the following could make a difference: omega-3 fatty acids (found in cold-water fish, walnuts and soybean kernels); selenium, an antioxidant in shellfish and whole-grain products; vitamin D (sources include eggs, fortified breads, cereals and milk); and vitamin C (berries and citrus fruits).



Regular exercise and stretching strengthens the muscles that support arthritic joints.

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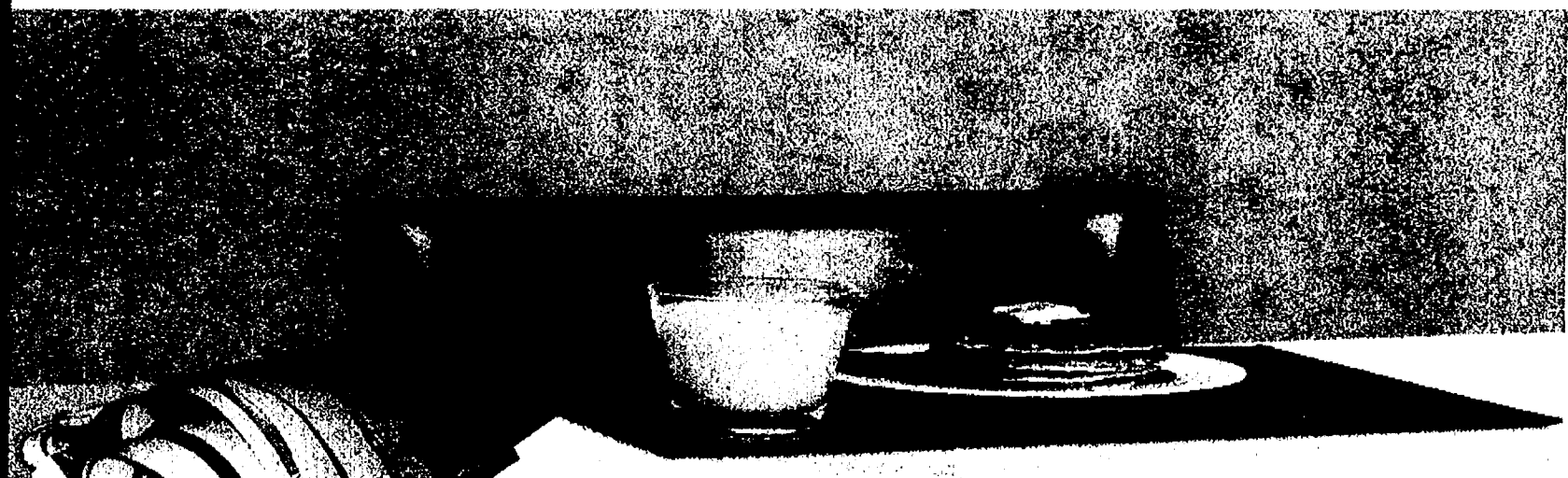
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Tips on helping elderly family members eat well

(NewsUSA) — When we're children, our parents urge us to eat our veggies and drink our milk. But as parents age, roles are often reversed, and it's the adult kids who worry about Mom's and Dad's nutritional needs, with good reason.

Physiological, psychological and financial changes can all contribute to poor nutrition among the elderly. For instance, although metabolic rates slow with age, many older people are not consuming foods and beverages that contain sufficient nutritional values. And that can lead to chronic fatigue, depression and a weakened immune system.

One way to ensure that your elderly loved ones get the nutrition they need is to make food preparation as easy as possible for them.

For example, a supplemental health drink makes getting many of the nutrients an elderly person needs as easy as opening a juice carton.

Here are some more suggestions for making sure your elderly



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parents and loved ones eat well:

- Offer to help with the grocery shopping. Make a list together and if necessary, consult a dietitian to help you choose healthy, nutritious foods that your loved ones will enjoy.
- Prepare and freeze meals they can heat in the microwave. If they're forgetful, put the cooking time on each package.

- If they are homebound, look into Meals on Wheels or another program that will deliver prepared meals to their home. Not only will they get nutritious food, they'll have important social contact with a daily visitor.
- If they live with you, let them help you prepare meals. Cooking will help boost their appetite - and their mood.

Planning your funeral in advance

If a little planning on your part could relieve your family of the stress of making important decisions during an emotionally wrenching time, would you do it?

Planning your funeral service in advance can offer emotional and financial security for you and your family. With preplanning, which does not necessarily mean paying in advance, families find comfort in knowing that the funeral reflects what their loved one wanted.

Peace of mind is among the biggest reasons people are choosing to make advance funeral arrangements. A trend in personalization is another. Individuals and families today are planning celebrations of life as unique as the individual being remembered.

Today's funeral include adding personal touches such as incorporating hobbies and life's accomplishments as well as favorite music. A National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) Certified Preplanning Consultant (CPC) can walk you through the decisions necessary to create a meaningful funeral service in advance.

Once you have made your plans, keep a copy of them and any pertinent paperwork in a safe place. Also, inform a relative or close friend what arrangements you have made and where the information can be found.

If you choose, there are several ways to prepay for your funeral. The most common ways include life insurance policies, regulated

trusts, savings accounts, and annuities. Each method has its advantages. To help determine which option is best for you, ask your funeral director the following questions:

- Who receives the interest on the account?
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If you feel prepaying is wise for you, then be sure to go over all available options with your funeral director. As with any contract, ask questions you may have regarding your preneed plan before you sign an agreement.

A Consumer Bill of Rights for Funeral Preplanning has recently been developed by NFDA as a resource for understanding what to expect from any prefunded, or preneed contract. The document is available on NFDA's web site at www.nfda.org, and outlines the rights and protections that an ethical and reputable funeral home will guarantee.

To plan your funeral in advance, contact your local NFDA member funeral home or visit NFDA's web site at www.nfda.org for help to make wise and informed decisions related to funeral service.

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Seniors and loneliness: Tips for overcoming isolation

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Emotional isolation is linked to elevated blood pressure in seniors, a 2006 University of Chicago study indicated. Lonely seniors have blood pressure readings up to 30 points higher than their socially connected peers, regardless of race, sex or other health factors, researchers found. Loneliness is also closely linked to depression, with more than 2 million of the nation's 64 million seniors suffering some form.

"Approximately 8.8 million seniors were living alone in America 17 years ago, according to the 1990 U. S. Census," says Scott Perry, president of Bankers Life and Casualty Company, a national insurance company that specializes in serving the senior market. "The 2000 Census showed that number had climbed to 9.7 million. Experts agree it's reasonable to expect the number of seniors living alone will continue to grow. Maintaining strong social networks can help seniors stay healthier longer, and enhance the overall quality of their lives as well."

Older Americans are more prone to experience the kind of life changes that place them at greater risk for loneliness, including:

- Death of their spouse, relatives and friends;
- Retirement;
- Illness;
- Decreased physical mobility;
- Loss of the ability to drive; and
- Intentional reductions in their social networks to include only those who the senior feels close to.

Fortunately, there are many ways in which seniors, even those with significantly curtailed mobility, can

prevent and combat loneliness. Finding the right mode of social interaction for you can improve your health as well as your enjoyment of life.

Proven loneliness-fighting strategies include:

- Volunteering — Volunteers live longer, have higher functional ability, lower rates of depression and less incidence of heart disease, according to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service. In particular, research shows that seniors age 65 and older who volunteer had significantly lower rates of depression than their non-volunteering peers.

"The life changes that come with age can easily make us feel isolated and less useful than we felt when we were working and raising our families," Perry notes. "For those who are physically able, volunteering is a great way to connect with new people and renew your sense of purpose in life."

- Joining Social and Support Groups — Social interaction with people who have similar interests, or face similar challenges, not only combats loneliness, but can be a way to build new friendships as well. If your community has a senior center (and most can provide transportation assistance), take advantage of its programs and facilities. Call your local recreation or senior services department to learn what's available in your area.

- Connecting to Others on the Internet — The number of seniors using the Internet more than doubled between 2000 and 2004. Seniors who face mobility challenges can find others with similar interests through a variety of resources and Web sites directed at seniors on the Internet.

Technology providers continue to develop products to make it

easier for seniors to use the Internet, such as large-button keyboards and voice recognition software. Asking for help to get online can also be a great way to connect with tech-savvy grandchildren.

- Learning Something New — Learning a new skill requires you to interact with a teacher and fellow students. Choose to learn a skill such as cooking or e-mailing, and the skill itself can help enhance your ability to interact socially with others. Local community colleges and city centers offer many courses appropriate for seniors.

- Maintaining Friendships — Studies have found that friendships are often more important than family connections in fighting loneliness among seniors. Make a conscious effort to stay connected with friends by visiting with them in person or keeping in touch by phone, letter or e-mail.

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Skin care secrets for seniors

(ARA) – Caring for aging skin involves far more than fighting wrinkles and age spots. Skin health – from protection against UV rays to proper wound care – plays a vital role in overall health for senior Americans.

Skin is the body's first line of protection against harm. It shields us from infection, impact and the environment. "Age brings a number of changes that can compromise the skin's ability to protect us," says Cynthia Fleck, a registered nurse and vice president of clinical marketing for Advanced Skin and Wound Care at Medline, which manufactures skin care products and educational resources for seniors.

"As the skin ages it becomes thinner, less resilient and much drier," Fleck explains. "The layers of skin can easily separate, tearing the paper-like upper-most area called the epidermis. The skin cells do not 'turn over,' or replenish themselves as quickly as when we are young. Therefore, the old skin cells become clumped and do not function as efficiently as young, healthy skin cells do."

Fleck offers the following advice on how to care for aging skin:

- "Drying is the single largest

skin problem among the aged," says Fleck. She recommends avoiding a daily shower or bath, which can contribute to dry skin. Instead, opt for gentle cleansing with soap and surfactant-free (detergent-free) cleansers of the kind that do not need to be rinsed. These cleansers do the job of removing dirt and natural oils, but do not impact the natural acid balance of mature skin.

- Moisturizing on a daily basis is essential since older skin cannot retain moisture as well as young skin. "There are new, advanced skin care products that actually nourish the skin from the outside in, delivering amino acids (proteins), vitamins, antioxidants and ingredients that are gentle and soothing, making the skin more resilient and strengthening it," says Fleck.

- Take care to avoid bumps that can tear the skin, or caustic substances that can disrupt the skin's ability to protect. Immobile seniors who must use adult diapers should have special care taken to keep them clean and free of irritants. "Barrier products that contain protectants like dimethicone and other silicones, as well as zinc oxide, can help protect the skin from these issues,"



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- Continue to protect your skin from the sun. Melanocytes, the skin cells that protect us from the sun, do not work as well as we age. As a result, older skin burns easily. Stay out of the sun as much as possible, and when out wear protective clothing, wide-brimmed hats and sun screen

- Be aware of special skin care needs that often accompany some common diseases, such as diabetes. For example, diabetics need to take particular care in protect-

ing their skin, especially on extremities.

- Avoid strong antibacterial soaps that may have high pH, which can further dry aging skin. Astringents and products that contain alcohol can also be too harsh and damaging for older skin.

"Many seniors may not know what products they need and often can't get out of the house to get them," Fleck says. "The Internet has made it easier to order products online and keep

them handy for daily skin care, but not all seniors have online access or know how to use the Internet."

"Health care professionals are a great source of information and can relay simple instructions for daily skin care and protection while suggesting new products that may help seniors in their routine," she says.

To learn more about skin care products, visit www.medline.com/woundcare.

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